

12.—Trade Union Central Organizations in Canada Having 500 or More Members,
Dec. 31, 1941 and 1942—concluded

Organization	Membership Reported	
	1941	1942
	No.	No.
National Unions		
Asbestos Employees of the Province of Quebec, Catholic Federation of.....	2,100	3,061
Barbers and Hairdressers, National Federation of.....	2,053	1,584
Building Trades, National Catholic Federation of.....	14,299	16,389
Building Workers of Canada, Amalgamated.....	2,623	4,496
Civil Servants of Canada, Amalgamated.....	3,998	5,357
Civil Service Association of Alberta.....	1,959	1,900
Clothing Workers, National Federation of.....	1,200	1,400
Commerce and Finance, National Federation of Employees of.....	1,318	2,590
Communications' Union, Canadian.....	-	635
Electrical Trades' Union, Canadian.....	450	500
Engineers of Canada, National Union of Operating.....	2,900	2,658
Express Employees, Brotherhood of.....	1,909	1,865
Furniture Workers, National Catholic Federation of.....	500	527
Glove Workers of Canada, National Federation of.....	1,500	1,200
Letter Carriers, Federated Association of.....	1,850	1,850
Marine Engineers of Canada, National Association of.....	749	707
Maritime Federation, National (formerly Canadian Brotherhood of Ships Employees).....	6,956	7,422
One Big Union.....	-	8,410
Postal Employees, Canadian.....	1,400	1,950
Printing Trades of Canada, Catholic Federation of.....	1,450	1,475
Pulp and Paper Employees, National Catholic Federation of.....	3,900	4,500
Railway Employees and Other Transport Workers, Canadian Brotherhood of.....	15,000	20,000
Railwaymen, Canadian Association of.....	3,602	3,713
Railwaymen, National Union of.....	2,871	3,011
Railway Mail Clerks' Federation, Dominion.....	871	887
Seamen's Union, Canadian.....	5,000	3,400
Shoe and Leather Workers' Organizing Committee.....	800	1,000
Shoe Workers of Canada, National Federation of Leather and.....	4,100	4,500
Technical Employees, Association of.....	220	610
Textile Workers, National Catholic Federation of.....	3,427	3,112
Textile Workers of Canada, United.....	4,000	3,639
Textile Workers' Organizing Committee.....	-	2,010

Canada and the International Labour Organization.*—The International Labour Organization of the League of Nations was set up in 1919 under the Treaties of the Peace to improve labour conditions by international action. It consists of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body and the International Labour Office. The Conference normally meets annually and is composed of four delegates from each Member State, two representing the government and two representing employers and workers. The Governing Body, which consists of 16 government, 8 employer and 8 worker representatives, is responsible for the administration of the Organization and is in direct charge of the International Labour Office. The Office collects and publishes information and acts as the secretariat of the Conference.

The Office is normally located at Geneva, but because of the War it was moved temporarily to Montreal at the invitation of the Canadian Government. The War has also resulted in the suspension of the annual meetings of the Conference and the quarterly meetings of the Governing Body. A special session of the Conference was held, however, in the fall of 1941 at New York and Washington. In addition, the Joint Maritime Commission, which was established by the Governing Body in 1920, held its twelfth session in June, 1942, and the Office has sponsored several meetings between representatives of Canada and the United States to discuss manpower problems, and has assisted materially in the organization and work of the

* See also the 1921 Year Book, pp. 607-609; 1922-23, pp. 704-707; and 1924, pp. 666-670.