

there was no central organization until 1883 when the Trades and Labour Council of Toronto called a conference of local unions and plans were made to establish a Dominion organization which was formally set up in 1886.

Affiliated with the Trades and Labour Congress at the present time are "international" trade unions almost all of which are also affiliated with the American Federation of Labour, a number of Canadian or "national" unions and a number of directly chartered Dominion labour unions.

Canadian Congress of Labour.—This Congress was organized in September, 1940, when the All-Canadian Congress of Labour, formed in 1927, amended its constitution to permit the affiliation with the Congress of the Canadian branches of those "international unions" which, in the United States are affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The Canadian Congress has also among its members a number of unions to which it has granted charters. An exception to the statement concerning "international unions" is the United Mine Workers of America which is linked in Canada with the Canadian Congress of Labour but, in the United States, with the American Federation of Labour.

Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour.—National Catholic Unions in Canada date from 1901. In 1921 these local Catholic Syndicates, which are grouped in federations according to industry so far as possible, formed a central organization, the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour. These unions are confined to the Province of Quebec.

15.—Membership of Trade Unions in Canada, 1912-44

Year	Members	Year	Members	Year	Members
	No.		No.		No.
1912.....	160,120	1923.....	278,092	1934.....	281,274
1913.....	175,799	1924.....	260,643	1935.....	280,648
1914.....	166,163	1925.....	271,064	1936.....	322,746
1915.....	143,343	1926.....	274,604	1937.....	383,492
1916.....	160,407	1927.....	290,282	1938.....	381,645
1917.....	204,630	1928.....	300,602	1939.....	358,967
1918.....	248,887	1929.....	319,476	1940.....	362,223
1919.....	378,047	1930.....	322,449	1941.....	461,681
1920.....	373,842	1931.....	310,544	1942.....	578,380
1921.....	313,320	1932.....	283,096	1943.....	664,533
1922.....	276,621	1933.....	285,720	1944.....	724,188

16.—Distribution of Trade Union Members, by Main Industrial Groups, 1943 and 1944, with Percentage Changes

Industry	1943		1944		Percentage Change 1944 from 1943
	Members	P.C. of Total	Members	P.C. of Total	
	No.		No.		
Mining and quarrying.....	36,825	5.5	38,601	5.3	+4.8
Metals.....	199,487	30.0	193,336	26.7	-3.1
Construction.....	60,084	9.0	57,501	8.0	-5.9
Light, heat and power.....	7,918	1.2	9,300	1.3	+17.5
Wood and wood products.....	38,689	5.8	48,941	6.7	+26.5
Printing and publishing.....	10,579	1.6	12,212	1.7	+15.4
Steam railway transportation.....	108,128	16.4	121,245	16.7	+12.1
Other transportation.....	40,823	6.1	45,236	6.2	+10.8
Services.....	57,484	8.7	70,675	9.8	+22.9
Clothing and footwear.....	37,563	5.6	39,592	5.5	+5.4
Textiles.....	18,084	2.7	27,996	3.9	+54.8
Foods.....	19,183	2.9	28,737	4.0	+49.8
All other industries.....	29,686	4.5	30,816	4.2	+3.9
Totals.....	664,533	100.0	724,188	100.0	+9.0