

in Ontario from 1873 to 1877, inclusive, 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 national 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 Labor, a number of Canadian or "national" unions and a number of directly chartered 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 Organization. The Canadian Congress has also among its members a number of unions to which it has granted charters.

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 as far as possible, formed a central organization, the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour.

41.—Membership of Trade Unions in Canada, 1915-48

Year	Members	Year	Members	Year	Members
	No.		No.		No.
1915.....	143,343	1927.....	290,282	1939.....	358,967
1916.....	160,407	1928.....	300,602	1940.....	362,223
1917.....	204,630	1929.....	319,476	1941.....	461,681
1918.....	248,887	1930.....	322,449	1942.....	578,380
1919.....	378,047	1931.....	310,544	1943.....	664,533
1920.....	373,842	1932.....	283,096	1944.....	724,188
1921.....	313,320	1933.....	285,720	1945.....	711,117
1922.....	276,621	1934.....	281,274	1946.....	831,697
1923.....	278,092	1935.....	280,648	1947.....	912,124
1924.....	260,643	1936.....	322,746	1948.....	977,594
1925.....	271,064	1937.....	383,492		
1926.....	274,604	1938.....	381,645		

42.—Distribution of Trade Union Members by Main Industrial Groups, with Percentage Changes, 1947 and 1948

Industry	1947		1948		Per-centage Change 1948 from 1947
	Members	P.C. of Total	Members	P.C. of Total	
	No.		No.		
Mining and quarrying.....	49,036	5.4	48,784	5.0	-0.5
Metals.....	181,491	19.9	188,264	19.3	+3.7
Construction.....	71,629	7.9	91,632	9.4	+27.9
Light, heat and power.....	9,276	1.0	11,639	1.2	+25.5
Wood and wood products.....	77,806	8.5	95,390	9.8	+22.6
Printing and publishing.....	17,831	2.0	19,731	2.0	+10.7
Steam railway transportation.....	138,039	15.1	143,811	14.7	+4.2
Other transportation.....	59,536	6.5	62,203	6.4	+4.5
Services.....	110,737	12.1	116,169	11.9	+4.9
Clothing and footwear.....	54,769	6.0	50,301	5.1	-8.2
Textiles.....	44,811	4.9	51,165	5.2	+14.2
Foods.....	39,851	4.4	44,137	4.5	+10.8
All other industries.....	57,312	6.3	54,368	5.5	-5.1
Totals.....	912,124	100.0	977,594	100.0	+7.2