

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 of Canada 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 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 includes 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, grouped as far as possible into federations according to industry, formed a central organization, the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour.

34.—Membership of Labour Unions in Canada, 1919-54

Year	Members	Year	Members	Year	Members
	No.		No.		No.
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	380,648	1947	912,124
1924	260,643	1936	322,746	1948	977,594
1925	271,064	1937	383,492	1949	1,005,639
1926	274,604	1938	381,645		
1927	290,282	1939	358,967	1951 ¹	1,028,521
1928	300,602	1940	362,223	1952	1,146,121
1929	319,476	1941	461,681	1953	1,219,714
1930	322,449	1942	578,380	1954	1,267,911

¹ Figures for 1949 and previous years are as at Dec. 31; figures from 1951 are as at Jan. 1.

35.—Union Membership and Local Branches in Canada, as at Jan. 1, 1953 and 1954

Organization	Jan. 1, 1953		Jan. 1, 1954	
	Branches	Member-ship	Branches	Member-ship
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Trades and Labour Congress of Canada	3,318	558,722	3,471	596,004
American Federation of Labor only	61	10,524	50	9,748
Canadian Congress of Labour	1,414	352,538	1,424	360,782
Congress of Industrial Organizations only	9	3,000	10	2,430
Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour	451	104,486	454	100,312
International Railway Brotherhoods (Independent)	389	41,751	385	40,922
Unaffiliated international, national, regional and local unions	593	148,693	631	157,713
Totals	6,235	1,219,714	6,425	1,267,911