

## LABOR ORGANIZATION IN CANADA, 1918

## Large Increase in Membership—International Unions are Far in the Lead

THE eighth annual report on Labor Organization in Canada, containing statistics, etc., for the calendar year 1918, has been issued by the Department of Labor. The report indicates that there has been much activity in almost every line of operation, and that trade union membership in the Dominion has reached the highest point recorded since the department commenced the publication of these annual reports in 1911, the total reported membership for all classes of labor bodies in Canada at the close of the year 1918 being 248,887. In all, there are 2,274 local branch unions in the Dominion, 1,897 comprising 201,432 members, being affiliated with international organizations, 332 with 37,928 are connected with what are termed non-international bodies, and 45 having 9,527 are independent units. There was an increase of 195 international local branches during the year, and a membership gain of 36,536; the non-international organizations had an increase of 88 branches and 5,585 members, and the independent units had an addition of 17 with a gain in membership of 2,136. These figures show an increase of 300 in local branches and a total gain in membership of 44,257. The membership of all classes of organized labor in Canada as reported to the department for the past eight years has been as follows:—

1911 . . . . .	133,132
1912 . . . . .	160,120
1913 . . . . .	175,799
1914 . . . . .	166,163
1915 . . . . .	143,343
1916 . . . . .	160,407
1917 . . . . .	204,630
1918 . . . . .	248,887

## Trade Union Membership in Canadian Cities

Of the 2,274 local trade union branches in Canada, 1,328 are located in 31 cities, and 961 reported a membership of 142,022, representing approximately 57 per cent. of the entire trade union membership of the Dominion. Montreal leads the cities with 149 local branches, 106 of which report 32,422 members; Toronto stands in second place with 128 branches, of which 82 reported 18,834 members; Winnipeg occupies third position with 91 branches, 56 of which reported a membership of 12,050; Vancouver is fourth, with 87 branches, of which 65 reported 15,459 members. The statement for the 31 cities is as follows:—

Cities.	Number of unions in locality.	Number of unions reporting membership.	Number of members reported.
Montreal . . . . .	149	106	32,422
Toronto . . . . .	128	82	18,834
Winnipeg . . . . .	91	56	12,050
Vancouver . . . . .	87	65	15,459
Hamilton . . . . .	60	49	3,596
Ottawa . . . . .	60	44	5,048
Quebec . . . . .	54	36	6,894
Edmonton . . . . .	53	44	3,306
Calgary . . . . .	52	38	3,001
London . . . . .	51	37	3,613
Victoria . . . . .	45	34	5,584
Regina . . . . .	31	23	1,043
Fort William . . . . .	30	20	1,908
Saskatoon . . . . .	29	24	1,417
Moosejaw . . . . .	28	23	2,187
Halifax . . . . .	28	19	2,744
St. John . . . . .	28	21	3,040
Kingston . . . . .	27	21	1,304
St. Thomas . . . . .	26	23	2,719
Sault Ste. Marie . . . . .	25	15	1,091
Port Arthur . . . . .	24	17	827

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Stratford . . . . .	24	18	1,580
Windsor . . . . .	24	16	935
Brandon . . . . .	24	18	858
Peterborough . . . . .	23	15	707
Lethbridge . . . . .	23	17	1,481
Brantford . . . . .	22	17	1,127
Moncton . . . . .	21	18	2,788
Medicine Hat . . . . .	20	14	521
Sydney . . . . .	20	15	3,150
St. Catharines . . . . .	20	16	788
Totals . . . . .	1,328	961	142,022

## Benefits Paid by Central Labor Bodies

The majority of the international labor organizations operating in Canada provide for the payment of benefits to members on a varying scale. A table is published showing the expenditure on this account made in Canada, the United States and elsewhere, the disbursements for 1918 being \$16,802,092, an increase of \$3,626,713 as compared with the payments made in 1917. The expenditure for each class of benefit was as follows:—

Death benefits . . . . .	\$12,679,934
Strike benefits . . . . .	1,973,418
Sick and accident benefits . . . . .	1,294,269
Old age pensions . . . . .	763,100
Unemployed and travelling benefits . . . . .	91,372

Seven of the non-international bodies reported having made payments on account of benefits, the total expenditure amounting to \$16,895.

## WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the bank clearings for the week ended July 17th, 1919, compared with the corresponding week last year:—

	Week ended July 17, '19.	Week ended July 19, '18.	Changes.
Montreal . . . . .	\$136,108,497	\$ 93,087,198	+ \$43,021,299
Toronto . . . . .	91,646,337	68,499,433	+ 23,146,904
Winnipeg . . . . .	39,610,351	30,813,748	+ 8,796,603
Vancouver . . . . .	11,847,377	11,225,734	+ 621,643
Ottawa . . . . .	10,726,118	6,451,604	+ 4,274,514
Calgary . . . . .	5,910,168	5,824,660	+ 1,085,508
Hamilton . . . . .	6,737,506	5,389,782	+ 1,347,724
Quebec . . . . .	6,473,821	4,895,478	+ 1,578,343
Edmonton . . . . .	4,239,440	2,988,026	+ 1,251,414
Halifax . . . . .	5,330,825	4,685,274	+ 645,551
London . . . . .	3,644,744	2,360,107	+ 1,284,637
Regina . . . . .	3,758,687	2,956,293	+ 802,394
St. John . . . . .	3,131,289	2,214,745	+ 916,544
Saskatoon . . . . .	2,109,605	1,494,471	+ 615,134
Moose Jaw . . . . .	1,549,513	1,207,367	+ 342,146
Brandon . . . . .	633,623	598,664	+ 34,959
Brantford . . . . .	1,114,217	959,577	+ 154,640
Fort William . . . . .	869,568	620,834	+ 248,734
Lethbridge . . . . .	800,477	946,543	— 146,066
Medicine Hat . . . . .	429,809	357,372	+ 72,437
New Westminster . . . . .	553,905	433,809	+ 120,096
Peterboro' . . . . .	699,688	806,209	— 106,521
Sherbrooke . . . . .	1,027,969	724,494	+ 303,475
Kitchener . . . . .	908,057	585,889	+ 322,168
Windsor . . . . .	2,066,425	1,339,977	+ 726,448
Prince Albert . . . . .	431,444	235,668	+ 195,776
Totals . . . . .	\$342,359,460	\$251,702,956	+ \$90,656,504