

There is no information available to show that the Communist party has ever severed its connection with the Communist International.

CONSTITUTION OF THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA

It has been contended that the Communist Party of Canada assembled in convention in 1937 adopted a constitution and that they had not had one before.

The Communist Party of Canada has had a constitution ever since its inception as a section of the Communist International in May 1921.

(Exhibit 2)

The first issue of "The Communist" described as the official organ of the Communist Party of Canada (Section of the Communist International) which appeared in June 1921, contained the constitution which was adopted by the constituent convention which gave birth to the Communist Party of Canada as it is known today. This document was introduced in evidence at the Buck trial; it was duly identified as an authentic account of the proceedings of the constituent convention.

(Exhibit 3)

At the Buck trial two documents were submitted in evidence both of which were identified as containing the constitution of the Communist Party of Canada as it existed at that time (1931).

The constitution as originally adopted at the constituent convention in May 1921 and as published in "The Communist" in June of that year and the constitution introduced at the 1931 trial as the one then in use have much in common. They differ however in that the latter version did not contain the "force and violence" expressions of the former.