

safety and health of workers in the workplace, providing compensation for employment injuries and the rehabilitation of injured workers, fixing a minimum age for employment, and provid-

ing unemployment insurance benefits. Legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment practices has also been adopted in all the provinces and by the Federal Government.

Table 1

Union membership 1911-1978, and union membership as a percentage of the civilian labour force and of the total non-agricultural paid workers, 1921-1978

(selected years)

Year	Union membership (thousands)	Percentage of civilian labour force	Percentage of non-agricultural paid workers
1911	133		
1916	160		
1921	313	9,4	16,0
1926	275	7,5	12,0
1931	311	7,5	15,3
1936	323	7,2	16,2
1941	462	10,3	18,0
1946	832	17,1	27,9
1951	1 029	19,7	28,4
1956	1 352	24,5	33,3
1961	1 447	22,6	31,6
1966	1 736	24,5	30,7
1970	2 173	27,2	33,6
1971	2 231	26,8	33,6
1972	2 388	27,8	34,6
1973	2 591	29,2	36,1
1974	2 732	29,4	35,8
1975	2 884	29,8	36,9
1976	3 042	30,6	37,3
1977	3 149	31,0	38,2
1978	3 278	31,3	39,0