

LABOR ORGANIZATION IN CANADA.

The fifth annual report on Labor Organization in Canada, containing statistics, etc., for the calendar year 1915, has been issued by the Department of Labor.

The opening chapter is devoted to showing the extent to which the trade unionists of the Dominion contributed to the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and contains also the pronouncements which various central labor bodies have made on the war. Of the 1883 local branch unions in Canada, 961 have had one or more members enlist for overseas service since the beginning of the war. The trade unions furnished 11,972 recruits and 439 reservists, making in all 12,411 members in the ranks.

The total numerical strength of organized labor in Canada at the close of 1915 stood approximately at 143,343, made up as follows: 1,661 local branches owing allegiance to international organizations, comprising a membership of 114,722; 191 local branches of non-international bodies with a combined membership of 23,664; and 31 independent units with a reported membership of 4,957. The membership of all classes of organized labor in Canada as reported to the Department for the past five years has been as follows:

1911	133,132
1912	160,120
1913	175,799
1914	166,163
1915	143,343

Organized Labor in Canadian Cities.

Nearly one-half of the local trade union branches is found in twenty-two cities, and these branches comprise over forty per cent of the entire trade union membership in the Dominion. Montreal, as in 1914, stands in first place as to the number of local branches, but the proportion of branches reporting was not as in some other localities. Toronto, with a reduction of thirteen branches, still retains second position. The following summary gives the names of the cities, number of branches in locality, number of branches reporting membership and the membership reported:

CITIES.	Number of Unions in Locality.	Number of Unions reporting membership.	Number of members reported.
Toronto	110	62	13,273
Montreal	126	37	10,767
Winnipeg	80	38	5,813
Vancouver	58	39	4,557
Hamilton	55	19	2,907
Ottawa	54	32	2,658
London	43	27	1,725
Edmonton	43	28	1,954
Quebec	41	15	1,783
Calgary	37	24	1,769
Victoria	36	13	1,378
Fort William	27	13	790
Regina	27	17	844
Halifax	25	14	1,301
Saskatoon	23	14	514
Moncton	22	15	1,587
Lethbridge	22	15	1,209
St. John	21	17	1,978
St. Thomas	21	15	1,441
Brantford	21	9	383
Peterborough	21	9	335
Moose Jaw	20	10	901
Totals	933	482	60,867

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E. C. EMMETT,

Secretary Automobile Club, of Manitoba, Winnipeg, who is booming for the Good Roads Convention, which will be held next March in the Metropolis of the Middle West.



THOMAS ADAMS, OTTAWA,

Who addressed last month the Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities on the subject of City Planning and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities on the subject of Provincial Departments for Municipal Affairs.