NOTES FOR ADDRESS TO TRADES AND LABOUR CONGRESS Oct. 23rd, 1944

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Section I

Happy to extend congratulations to Trades and Labour Congress on 60th birthday.

Happy, too, to be with so many old friends on this occasion. Low or wormy

willow Also (P.M. to introduce personal references? perhaps regrets that old friend Tom Moore, past president of T. & L. Congress, is prevented by illness from attending?)

Have watched growth of Trades and Labour Congress throughout the greater part of its life.

My own active concern with labour matters -- beginning when I was appointed Canada's first Deputy Minister of Labour in 1900 -- covers nearly three quarters of the sixty years since Trades and Labour Congress was founded.

The Trades and Labour Congress is to be felicitated not only on its own immense growth, but on having pioneered the whole movement by trade unionism in Canada.

The trade union movement has grown in the past sixty years until today more than 690,000 workers are members of trade unions in Canada.