

LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA

Mr. Michael Starr, Minister of Labour, has released a summary of the latest figures on labour organizations in Canada, based on an annual survey of labour unions carried out by the Department of Labour. Complete results of the survey will be available in the near future in the Department's publication "Labour Organizations in Canada, 1962".

At the beginning of 1962, labour organizations active in Canada reported a total membership of 1,423,000.

NATIONAL AFFILIATION

Of these organized workers, 1,049,000, or almost 74 per cent, were represented by unions affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress. A large number of these unions are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations in the United States. More than 102,000 organized workers, or about seven per cent of the total (nearly all in Quebec), were represented by unions belonging to the Confederation of National Trade Unions. The rest of the organized workers in Canada were represented either by unions not affiliated with any central labour body, or by unions not affiliated with a central labour body in Canada but linked with the AFL-CIO in the United States.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION

More than a million of 1,423,000 union members were in international unions, which have branches in both Canada and the United States and in most cases belong to central labour bodies in both

countries. In January 1962, there were 103 international unions active in Canada. Of these, 85 were affiliated with the CLC as well as the AFL-CIO, ten belonged only to the AFL-CIO and three only to the CLC. The remaining ten international unions, with a total of 118,000 members, had no affiliation. More than 40,000 of the union members in this group belonged to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which had been with the AFL-CIO until 1958 and with the CLC until 1960.

There were 335,000 Canadian workers belonging to 51 national unions in January 1962. Of these, 156,000 were members of 18 national unions affiliated with the CLC and 96,000 belonged to the 13 federations within the CNTU. The remaining 20 unions, with a total of 83,000 members, were without affiliation.

Outside the international and national unions, about 26,000 workers were organized in 243 separate locals chartered directly by the two Canadian central bodies, the CLC and the CNTU. Another 37,000 belonged to the 126 independent local organizations coming within the scope of the survey.

The total of 1,423,000 members reported by labour organizations in 1962 was equivalent to about 30 per cent of the non-agricultural paid workers in Canada. The total was about 24,000 fewer than in the previous year. Much of the decrease was accounted for by the dissolution of the Newfoundland Brotherhood of Woods Workers, which had reported nearly 15,000 members before it went out of existence in October 1961.

THE WORLD REMEMBERS

On November 11, Canada's Commonwealth Air Forces' Memorial in Ottawa will form a symbolic background as a trumpeter of the Royal Canadian Air Force sounds the "Last Post" for the dead of two world wars. This year, the Air Force will also mark the tenth anniversary of its contribution of an Air Division to the forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Commonwealth Memorial, on Green Island at the junction of the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers, commemorates the 798 men and women who died in Canada and neighboring lands and waters while serving with the air forces of the Commonwealth from 1939 to 1945 and have no known graves.

CANADIAN METALS EXPORT DRIVE

Twenty of Canada's leading producers of metals and metal products joined forces at New York on October 29 with the Department of Trade and Commerce in a drive to increase still further Canada's export trade in metals and metal products.

Backed by an intensive advertising and trade publicity campaign planned and carried out by the Department of Trade and Commerce, the 20 companies are displaying a variety of Canadian metals and metal products at the World Metal Show and National Metal Congress in the New York Coliseum.

To spearhead the promotional campaign, the Department of Trade and Commerce has published an illustrated booklet, entitled *Metals And Metal Products From Canada*, which gives a brief outline of the Canadian metal industry and provides a description of the products manufactured by the Canadian companies taking part in the World Metal Show.

Typical Canadian metal products described in the Department's booklet include specialty steels, for use in every kind of manufacturing from machine-tool work to consumer-goods production. The company exhibiting is Canada's largest producer of specialty steels, and is currently exporting to over 50 countries.

Pure Canadian nickel powder is another featured product; the company displaying it is the world's largest producer. Sintered aluminum tubing made by the impact-extrusion process was first fabricated in Canada by a third Canadian exhibitor at the World Metal Show.