

LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA

The Department of Labour recently released a summary of the latest figures on labour organizations in Canada, based on its annual survey of labour unions. Complete results of the survey will be available in the near future in the department's publication "Labour Organizations in Canada, 1963", now being printed. At the beginning of 1963, labour organizations active in Canada reported a total membership of 1,449,200, an increase of almost two per cent over the previous year.

UNION AFFILIATION

Of these organized workers, 1,079,900, or 75 per cent, were represented by unions affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress. A large number of these unions were reported as also affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations in the United States. More than 110,600 organized workers, or about eight per cent of the total, nearly all in Quebec, were represented by unions belonging to the Confederation of National Trade Unions.

The rest of Canada's organized workers 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 with the AFL-CIO in the United States. More than 1,000,000 of the 1,449,200 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.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Employees of the Government of Canada, including its corporations and agencies, numbered 330,886 at the end of April this year, an increase of 2,246, or 0.7 per cent, from March but a decrease of 5,885 or 1.7 per cent from April 1962, according to advance figures that will be contained in the April issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Federal Government Employment". Total earnings aggregated \$129,115,000 in April, up 2.3 per cent from \$126,273,000 in March and 2.7 per cent from \$125,768,000 in April last year.

AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS

Staff of agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies totalled 131,137 at the end of April, a rise of 1,318, or 1.0 per cent, from March but a decrease of 2,042, or 1.5 per cent, from April a year ago. The earnings of these employees amounted to \$55,476,000 in the month compared to \$53,770,000 a month earlier and \$53,925,000 a year ago.

DEPARTMENTS

Employees in departments and departmental corporations at the end of April numbered 199,749, up by 928, or 0.5 per cent, from March but down by 3,843,

In January 1963 there were 110 international unions active in Canada. Of these, 87, with 882,200 members, were affiliated with the CLC as well as with the AFL-CIO, ten with 106,000 members belonged only to the AFL-CIO, and three with 12,600 members belonged to the CLC only. The remaining ten international unions, with a total of 106,300 members, had no affiliation.

NATIONAL UNIONS

There were 350,900 Canadian workers belonging to 51 national unions in January 1963. Of these, 163,200 were members of 18 national unions affiliated with the CLC and 104,500 belonged to the 13 federations within the CNTU. The remaining 20, with a total of 83,200 members, were without affiliation.

Outside the international and national unions, about 28,000 workers were organized in 232 separate locals chartered directly by the two Canadian central bodies, the CLC and the CNTU. Another 38,700 belonged to the 128 independent local organizations coming within the scope of the survey.

The total of 1,449,200 members reported by labour organizations in 1963 was equivalent to about 30 per cent of the non-agricultural paid workers in Canada. The total was about 26,000 higher than in the previous year.

Sixteen unions operating in Canada reported increases of 1,000 or more members. Of these, the Steelworkers reported an increase of 8,000 members and the Auto Workers an increase of 4,300. On the other hand, seven unions reported decreases of 1,000 or more members.

or 1.9 per cent, from April 1962. The earnings of this group totalled \$73,639,000 in April, an increase of \$1,136,000 from the preceding month and an increase of \$1,796,000 from the corresponding 1962 month.

The total earnings of employees of the Government of Canada, including its corporations and agencies, in the January-April period this year amounted to \$526,468,000, an increase of \$22,888,000 from the like 1962 total. The gain is largely accounted for by the inclusion in January 1963 of retroactive payments for certain classes of employees in departments and departmental corporations.

SASKATCHEWAN WINS RADIO PRIZE

For the second time, the School Broadcasts Branch of the Department of Education of Saskatchewan has received a first prize from the Institute for Education by Radio-Television, Ohio State University. The winning entry, "Carbon Dioxide, the Life Saver", broadcast October 9, 1962, was the second of a series of five programmes dealing with health science for children and young people.

The Saskatchewan Education Department received a first award in 1961 for a television programme entitled "Man's Need for Numbers", designed for elementary grades.