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## NATIONAL UNIONISM OR INTERNATIONAL

### Have We Proper Representation

A Timely Article by Mr. Samuel Landers, Hamilton, which Fully Answers the Manufacturers and the Church.

I had just finished an article entitled "National or International Trade Unionism," which I had intended submitting to Editor Samuel Gompers of the Federationist at Washington, D.C., when I read the following newspaper paragraph, referring to Mr. F. M. Draper's visit to the Toronto District Labor Council while that gentleman was in Toronto recently:

"At the visit to the Trades and Labor Council last night, Mr. Draper, secretary of the Dominion Trades Congress, declared that Canadian trade unionists believe in international organization, but a condition precedent was that Canadian unionists be given their proper representation on the executives of those unions, and have absolute and complete liberty of action in the conduct of their own affairs. He believed the wise policy was to say this plainly to the Executive. The question arises, what does Mr. Draper mean by 'Canadian unionists should have absolute and complete liberty of action in the conduct of their own affairs'?"

Have we not now complete autonomy, as far as constitutional rights will allow? No more than is granted to any other local union, central body or state federation, directly or indirectly affiliated with the A. F. of L. The other question of "proper representation on the executives of these unions," Mr. Draper no doubt has the best of motives for his statement, but is evidently not well informed as to the representation already given by international trade unionists in Canada. I could not do better, perhaps, than submit said article above referred to, to the Toronto Toller, which will show the extent of representation already given by international trade unionists in Canada.

Prior to 1896 Canada possessed some 300 trade unions, and of these many were lodges of the five rail-way brotherhoods. Trades organizations had not as yet become prominent among workers. Perhaps a sort of false patriotic notion had kept the different trades from affiliating with the great trade union movement so fast taking root and spreading in the country to the south of us, the United States.

If for any one thing were to be accredited as the reason of Canadians having had their eyes opened to the need of unionizing, with international affiliation, it should be the fact that Canadian moneyed institutions sought their managers and further capital from across the line, which exemplified to the workers here that capital was no boundary line and recognized no flag. When this fact was realized, then the organization began in earnest, until at the present time no less than over 1,500 trade unions are said to exist in Canada, and it is safe to say that 1,300 or over are in affiliation with their respective international unions. Even during the last two years of Canada's trade union prosperity she has had her "national union" exponents within and without her ranks, who never missed an opportunity of reciting and vilifying the organizations for their "unloyal American affiliation." And the cry of "why send our money away to foreign organizations," when we could have Canadian national unions, with a Canadian Federation of Labor—on equal with the A. F. of L. or the British Trades Congress?

The "purely Canadian" spirit became so strong, or at least it was thought to be so at the time, that at the last session of the parent labor body of Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress, a definite policy of "international trade unionism" was mapped out, and carried throughout, which meant that all "independents," "nationals," K. of L. and all dual organizations were in future to be barred from representation. Since this step was taken, the movement has gone forward with greater force than ever, and although hardly six months has elapsed since this step was taken, yet there have been more international affiliations and there has ever been in one or two previous whole years.

The Province of Quebec, it is well known, was the hardest to gain a foothold for international unionism, especially so as this was the headquarters of the "nationals," who were barred out with their four or five organizations, yet in this province, since the progressive step, the international movement has gone forth by leaps and bounds. In Montreal a local of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America was formed with over 1,700 members; although the "nationals" used all sorts of intrigue and slander to capture the local they failed. After this charter were granted to locals of the carriage workers, rubber workers, the layers, builders' laborers, factory and foundry laborers, sta-

tion, and C. Boyle, Secretary-Treasurer International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. These are those whom I can trace, but "there are others."

Again, if the officers of local unions in the U. S. who are amalgamated by birth were known, their names would be "Boyle," and if they all came back to "the land of maple sugar" they would make a big hole in the officership of the labor movement in the U. S. Now a few figures on the financial side of the question, as this seems to be such a tender spot with the "calamity howlers" of "national Canadian unionism." "Oh! the big piles of money we send across the line." Well, let us see:

For the year 1902 the amount of money sent to the U. S. from Canada from local unions to A. F. of L. . . . \$ 1,928.00  
Per capita from international unions for Canadian locals . . . 1,517.04  
Total . . . . . \$ 3,445.04  
Less defense fund of 5¢ per month, which is laid aside . . . 964.00  
Net receipts . . . . . \$ 2,481.04

EXPENDITURE  
Expenses for general and special organizers, salaries, halls, etc., for organization purposes . . . \$ 2,245.19  
Grant to Trades Congress . . . 300.00  
Total . . . . . \$ 2,545.19

RECAPITULATION  
Amount of money spent by A. F. of L. in Canada . . . \$ 2,545.19  
Amount received by A. F. of L. from Canada . . . . . 2,481.04

Excess of expenses over receipts . . . . . \$ 64.15  
In addition to the amount spent in Canada by the A. F. of L. \$ 2,545.19  
The different international unions have sent into Canada an organizing expense, strike benefits, etc., the enormous sum of . . . . . \$90,563.51

Making a total of . . . . . \$93,108.70  
These figures deal only with the finances of Canada of the A. F. of L. I could not secure the figures of individual international unions in Canada—only the one item of \$90,563.51. Nevertheless the A. F. of L. Statement will serve as an example, many others being about similar.

### STRIKE IN LOS ANGELES

Building Trades Refuse to Work With Non-Union Men.  
Los Angeles, Cal., April 30.—(Special Correspondence.)—The past week has been a notable one in the labor movement of Los Angeles. A decisive victory has been scored by unionism. Every organization affiliated with the Building Trades Council entered into an agreement not to work with non-union men. The result was, as it always will be when unionists are true to themselves—complete success.

The victory of the Building Trades Council is a stinging blow to the notorious scab Los Angeles Times, whose proprietor has sent out literature all over the United States urging non-union mechanics to come to Southern California, with the hope of flooding this section with hungry men and thus causing them to work for wages offered, thereby disrupting the unions. But the union men became aroused at the trainloads of idles arriving daily, and decided to force the issue. The battle was short and sharp, and unionism is now stronger than ever before. The good work will be kept up.

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Do you know anything about unionism?  
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What is the mission of a Trades Council?  
What is the name of your international?  
What is the body called the State Federation of Labor?  
In what way are you connected with the American Federation of Labor?  
What is the American Federation of Labor?

When and where are the conventions of the A. F. of L. and your International and the State Federation of Labor held?  
Has your International any organizers in the field?  
Who are some of your most influential leaders?  
Is the cause of labor making progress?  
Where is organization most needed?  
What is the total membership of your craft in unionism in the United States?  
Are you any good and what good are you in the movement?  
Do you not know less about unionism and make more noise than anyone else in your local?—The San Francisco Dispatch.

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, are an abomination to the Lord.—The Bible.

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