

SECTION II.—LABOUR ORGANISATIONS.

1. **General.**—In Report No. 2 the method adopted in ascertaining the number of members in labour organisations throughout the Commonwealth was outlined, and the results, tabulated up to the end of 1912, were given. From the beginning of 1913 quarterly returns have been obtained from a considerable number of trade unions, both as to membership and unemployment, and these were supplemented at the end of the year by special inquiries as to the membership of those unions which, owing to the nature of the callings and industries covered, were unable to furnish quarterly unemployment returns. The following pages shew the general situation in regard to the trades union movement in the Commonwealth at the present time, and also its development since the year 1906. The recognition of the fact that the affairs of single unions are not disclosed in the published results has led to a greater readiness to assist in securing complete information, and thanks are again tendered to the Secretaries of Trade Unions for their cordial co-operation in this matter.

2. **Development of Trade Unions in Australia, 1906 to 1921.**—The following table shews for the years specified the total number of trade unions in the Commonwealth, and the number and membership of those unions for which membership is available. The *estimated* total membership of all unions for the year 1906 is shewn in the last line of the table.

Number and Membership of Trade Unions in Commonwealth at end of each Year Specified, 1906 to 1921.

Particulars.	1906.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921
Total Number of Unions ..	302	710	712	713	705	747	767	771	796	796
No. of Unions for which membership available ..	253	710	712	713	705	747	767	771	796	796
Membership of these Unions ..	147,049	497,925	523,271	528,031	546,556	564,187	581,755	627,685	684,450	703,009
Estimated Total Membership of all Unions ..	175,529

These figures shew that the number of unions in 1921 was more than double the number in 1906. The membership during the same period

increased four-fold. The increase in membership in any one year was greatest in 1913, when it amounted to 64,701, and least in 1915, when it was only 4760.

3. **Number and Membership of Trade Unions and Branches, 1912 to 1921.**—The following table gives particulars of the number of trade unions, the number of branch unions, and the number of members in each State and the Commonwealth at the end of the years 1912 to 1921.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership, at end of Years 1912 to 1921.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N'thern Territory.	Total.	C'with.
NO. OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1912 ..	177	151	67	78	97	51	..	621	*408
1913 ..	201	162	94	86	107	60	..	710	*432
1914 ..	197	170	86	87	107	62	3	712	*430
1915 ..	203	161	89	87	104	66	3	713	*415
1916 ..	190	151	93	86	107	66	3	705	*392
1917 ..	220	156	96	93	108	71	3	747	*350
1918 ..	217	163	102	101	111	74	4	767	*304
1919 ..	211	160	100	101	112	77	4	771	*394
1920 ..	214	158	115	104	121	81	3	796	*368
1921 ..	213	159	118	108	116	79	3	796	*382
NO. OF BRANCHES.									
1912 ..	453	241	226	62	177	33	..	1,192	†1,405
1913 ..	555	292	230	74	174	60	..	1,385	†1,663
1914 ..	568	314	224	85	214	62	..	1,497	†1,779
1915 ..	721	312	246	94	203	63	..	1,639	†1,937
1916 ..	790	361	290	102	170	72	..	1,785	†2,098
1917 ..	765	353	291	98	195	76	..	1,778	†2,136
1918 ..	785	346	298	137	195	75	..	1,836	†2,209
1919 ..	748	411	338	134	161	76	..	1,868	†2,245
1920 ..	871	453	340	139	172	81	..	2,056	†2,404
1921 ..	925	466	344	150	173	83	..	2,181	†2,595
NO. OF MEMBERS.									
1912 ..	102,626	116,557	44,768	37,336	33,282	8,655	..	433,224	433,224
1913 ..	230,677	130,176	51,983	40,061	35,317	10,011	..	497,925	497,925
1914 ..	240,029	138,910	55,580	40,956	38,106	9,149	647	523,271	523,271
1915 ..	241,979	141,993	58,310	39,264	35,980	9,846	1,159	528,031	528,031
1916 ..	244,074	147,614	66,807	42,537	33,900	10,263	1,361	546,556	546,556
1917 ..	248,851	146,780	75,393	45,400	33,263	10,866	1,664	564,187	564,187
1918 ..	243,176	152,063	87,737	51,559	33,761	11,900	1,559	581,755	581,755
1919 ..	255,899	164,583	97,378	56,379	38,169	13,556	1,221	627,685	627,685
1920 ..	277,519	187,100	103,784	55,958	44,054	15,220	815	684,450	684,450
1921 ..	285,638	195,971	103,786	55,701	45,334	15,842	737	703,009	703,009
PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.									
1913 ..	12.0	11.2	11.5	10.7	10.6	11.0	..	11.5	11.5
1914 ..	4.1	6.0	7.5	2.2	7.9	18.6	..	6.1	5.1
1915 ..	0.8	2.3	4.9	14.1	15.6	2.2	79.1	0.9	0.9
1916 ..	0.9	4.0	14.6	8.3	15.8	9.8	17.4	3.5	3.5
1917 ..	2.0	0.8	12.9	6.7	11.9	6.1	22.3	3.2	3.2
1918 ..	12.3	2.2	16.4	13.6	1.5	9.3	16.3	3.1	3.1
1919 ..	5.2	8.2	11.0	10.3	13.1	13.9	121.7	7.9	7.9
1920 ..	8.4	13.7	6.6	11.6	15.4	12.3	133.3	9.0	9.0
1921 ..	2.9	4.7	..	10.5	2.9	4.1	10.6	2.7	2.7

* Allowing for inter-State excess. The figures represent the number of distinct organisations and inter-State groups of organisations in the Commonwealth. They do not represent the total number of organisations which are practically independent and self-governing (see remarks below).
 † Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of inter-State unions, but also head State branches of inter-State unions. ‡ Decrease.

In the above table, under the heading "Number of Separate Unions," each union represented in a State is counted only once, regardless of the

number of branches in that State. In taking the total number of separate unions in the Commonwealth (see last column but one), it is obvious that, in the case of Inter-state and similar unions, there will be duplication, since each such union is counted once in each State in which it has any branches. In the figures given in the last column, a deduction has been made for this duplication.

Except in the last column, the "Number of Branches" indicates the number of branches of State head offices, which may, of course, themselves be branches of an inter-State or larger organisation. State branches of inter-State or federated unions, as well as sub-branches within a State, are included under the heading "branches" in the last column. It should be observed that the schemes of organisation of these inter-State or federated unions vary greatly in character, and the number of separate Commonwealth unions does not fairly represent the number of practically independent organisations in Australia. In some of these unions the State organisations are bound together under a system of unification with centralised control, while in others the State units are practically independent and self-governing, the federal bond being loose and existing only for one or two specified purposes.

The percentage increase in membership in each year is given in the last part of the table. The increase was greatest in 1913 (11.5 per cent.), and least in 1915 (0.9 per cent.). The increase in membership in 1921 compared with 1912 amounts to 62.3 per cent.

The table shews that there has been an increase in membership in Victoria and Queensland in each of the years given; in New South Wales in each of the years except 1918; in South Australia in each of the years except 1915, 1920 and 1921; in Western Australia in each of the years except 1915, 1916, and 1917; and in Tasmania in each of the years except 1914.

4. Number of Unions and Membership in Industrial Groups, Commonwealth, 1912 to 1921.—The following table gives the number and membership of trade unions in the Commonwealth, classified according to Industrial Group, at the end of the years 1912 to 1921. Attention was drawn in Report No. 11 to the fact that the number of unions classified in Group XIV. (Miscellaneous), increased considerably during the period under review; and that a correspondingly large increase occurred in the membership of the group. During recent years many associations of employees of public and semi-public bodies have been organised, and such unions are now included in the tabulations. Public service, municipal, banking and insurance associations, which were not previously recognised, are now registered under the provisions of Commonwealth and State Industrial Arbitration Acts, and are therefore classified as industrial bodies. These organisations are responsible, to a great extent, for the increase in Group XIV. During the year 1921, there were decreases in membership in Groups V. (Books, Printing, etc.); VI. (Other Manufacturing); VIII. (Mining, Quarries, etc.); IX. (Railway and Tramway Services); X. (Other Land Transport); and XI. (Shipping, etc.); and increases in the remaining group.

Number and Membership of Trade Unions in the Commonwealth classified in Industrial Groups at the end of years 1912 to 1921.

Industrial Groups.	1912.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
NUMBER OF UNIONS.								
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	21	20	20	19	20	20	19	19
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	71	77	76	75	77	77	76	75
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	70	72	69	74	80	77	71	66
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	33	31	28	26	28	27	26	25
V. Books, Printing, etc.	30	30	29	29	30	29	26	18
VI. Other Manufacturing	80	78	78	84	84	84	84	85
VII. Building	60	63	63	60	58	57	56	57
VIII. Mining, Quarries, etc.	23	27	26	25	26	20	18	19
IX. Railway and Tramway Services	25	31	23	34	40	43	43	49
X. Other Land Transport	19	24	23	22	23	23	22	20
XI. Shipping, etc.	41	66	65	73	72	71	69	70
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	14	12	10	10	9	3	9	9
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	27	20	22	19	20	20	23	24
XIV. Miscellaneous	99	162	168	197	200	215	254	260
Total	621	713	705	747	767	771	796	798
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.								
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	18,560	16,172	14,762	16,365	18,953	21,156	23,691	25,541
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	29,053	47,104	40,230	47,023	47,135	49,043	53,870	57,012
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	28,132	38,504	41,515	41,220	40,953	40,569	49,447	51,698
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	16,691	21,885	25,962	29,150	31,856	38,620	40,325	42,069
V. Books, Printing, etc.	8,214	10,784	11,079	11,401	11,972	13,259	15,136	15,059
VI. Other Manufacturing	21,838	30,648	32,119	30,017	30,673	34,901	39,710	38,873
VII. Building	25,009	37,739	36,255	34,772	35,761	37,301	40,348	42,244
VIII. Mining, Quarries, etc.	39,203	33,024	33,515	34,029	35,519	40,278	41,777	39,567
IX. Railway and Tramway Services	56,005	76,482	75,804	79,520	74,813	83,183	89,069	88,731
X. Other Land Transport	14,550	17,208	15,719	14,728	14,487	15,903	17,862	16,944
XI. Shipping, etc.	35,000	42,903	45,888	51,746	50,433	48,698	41,668	40,840
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	52,180	38,334	37,670	40,735	44,176	46,794	42,923	47,893
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	14,289	9,269	9,907	10,163	11,169	14,702	19,353	20,442
XIV. Miscellaneous	60,991	107,975	117,050	123,309	133,855	137,378	160,271	175,696
Total	433,223	528,031	546,556	564,187	581,755	627,685	694,459	703,009

For particulars relating to years 1913 and 1914, see Labour Report No. 10.

5. Percentage of Male and Female Members of Trade Unions.—

(i.) *Percentage of Male and Female Members of Trade Unions in each State and Commonwealth, 1921.* The results of the Census taken in 1911 shew the percentage of male and female employees (i.e., persons "in receipt of wages or salary," and persons "unemployed"), 20 years of age and over, on the total male and female population. Applying these percentages to the estimated total male and female population in 1921, the estimated number of adult employees of each sex in 1921 is obtained.

The information with regard to occupations as disclosed by the Census of 1921, is not yet available, consequently the results of the 1911 Census have again been used in the following computations.

The following table shews separately for males and females and for each State (a) the number of members of trade unions, (b) the estimated total number of employees of each sex, 20 years of age and over, in all professions, trades, and occupations, and (c) the percentage of the former (a) on the latter (b). It should be pointed out that the estimated total number of employees comprises all persons (over the age specified) in receipt of wages or salary, as well as those unemployed; the estimate therefore includes a large number of adults who are either not eligible for membership of any trade union (such as certain persons employed in professional occupations) or who, while eligible for membership in so far as the nature of their trade or occupation is concerned, do not reside in a locality which is covered by any union embracing their particular trade or occupation. It is also proper to observe that the age at which persons

are eligible for membership varies in different unions. The Census results are classified in quinquennial age groups, and the sum of the groups 20 years of age and over is taken as more closely approximating to the average age of admission to membership than that of any other groups.

Percentage of Male and Female Members of Trade Unions on Estimated Total Number of Male and Female Employees, 20 years of Age and over, in all Professions, Trades, and Occupations, at end of Year 1921.*

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Nthn. Territory.	C'with.
MALES.								
No. of Members of Unions ..	260,328	161,077	93,704	50,856	40,853	14,938	737	622,493
Estimated Total No. of Employees 20 years of age and over ..	427,729	277,320	156,113	93,127	80,877	37,527	1,489	1,074,182
Percentage of Members on Estimated Total No. Employees	60.86	58.08	60.02	54.60	50.51	39.85	49.05	57.95
FEMALES.								
No. of Members of Unions ..	25,310	34,894	10,082	4,845	4,481	904	..	80,516
Estimated Total No. of Employees 20 years of age and over ..	92,940	85,611	20,920	20,786	13,890	8,214	90	251,391
Percentage of Members on Estimated Total No. Employees	27.23	47.05	33.60	23.31	32.40	11.00	..	32.02

* Corresponding figures for years back to 1912 will be found in previous issues of this Report.

It may be seen that the male membership in 1921 was 622,493, and female membership 80,516, representing percentages on the total membership of 88.6 and 11.4 respectively. Of the 80,516 female members of trade unions in 1921, 26,725, or 33.2 per cent., are included in Group IV. (Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.), 21,246, or 26.4 per cent., in Groups III. (Food, Drink, etc.), and XIII. (Domestic, Hotels, etc.), and 24,857, or 30.9 per cent., in Group XIV. (Miscellaneous).

(ii.) *Percentage of Male and Female Members of Trade Unions in the Commonwealth, 1912 to 1921.* The following table shows separately for males and females for the Commonwealth (a) the number of members of trade unions, (b) the estimated total number of employees of each sex, 20 years and over, in all professions, trades and occupations, and (c) the percentage of the former (a) on the latter (b).

Percentage of Male and Female Members of Trade Unions on Estimated Total Number of Male and Female Employees, 20 years of Age and over, in all Professions, Trades, and Occupations in the Commonwealth, 1912 to 1921.

Particulars.	1912.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
MALES.								
No. of Members of Unions	415,554	409,160	506,981	518,582	531,090	594,262	606,620	622,493
Estimated Total No. of Employees 20 yrs. of age & over	944,509	957,110	920,686	927,470	948,239	1,017,147	1,034,853	1,074,182
Percentage of Members on Estimated Total Number of Employees	44.0	52.2	55.0	55.9	56.0	55.5	58.6	58.0
FEMALES.								
No. of Members of Unions	17,670	23,871	39,575	45,605	50,665	63,423	77,830	80,516
Estimated Total No. of Employees 20 yrs. of age & over	210,213	225,588	229,118	232,856	238,301	240,807	245,598	251,391
Percentage of Members on Estimated Total Number of Employees	8.4	12.8	17.2	19.6	21.3	26.3	31.7	32.02

For particulars relating to years 1913 and 1914, see Labour Report No. 10.

6. **Classification of Trade Unions in Commonwealth according to Number of Members, 1912 to 1921.**—The following table shews the number and membership of all trade unions in the Commonwealth for the years 1912 to 1921 inclusive, classified according to size. In this table inter-State unions are, of course, only counted once :—

Classification of Trade Unions in Commonwealth according to Number of Members at end of Years 1912 to 1921.

Classification.	10,000 and over.	5000 and under 10,000.	2000 and under 5000.	1000 and under 2000.	500 and under 1000.	300 and under 500.	200 and under 300.	100 and under 200.	50 and under 100.	Under 50.	Total.
NUMBER OF UNIONS.											
1912 ..	7	15	26	43	32	32	30	67	72	75	408
1913 ..	0	17	26	35	45	47	26	61	54	62	432
1914 ..	8	17	29	30	52	45	32	72	67	69	430
1915 ..	9	16	30	41	41	35	34	69	63	74	415
1916 ..	11	18	35	33	47	43	25	53	59	70	392
1917 ..	9	19	27	36	48	44	28	48	63	67	389
1918 ..	11	15	33	39	51	38	19	66	65	57	394
1919 ..	13	13	34	44	52	31	32	62	62	51	394
1920 ..	14	13	41	43	57	29	27	60	54	50	388
1921 ..	15	15	37	41	55	26	30	57	53	53	382

MEMBERSHIP.

1912 ..	132,335	99,712	79,614	60,558	22,585	12,234	9,483	9,323	5,108	2,268	433,224
1913 ..	176,188	121,710	75,357	48,998	32,154	17,994	6,406	11,326	5,914	1,938	497,925
1914 ..	176,157	125,021	84,359	59,350	37,141	16,439	7,898	10,141	4,672	2,193	523,271
1915 ..	186,755	122,099	89,295	61,264	30,651	13,405	8,308	9,408	4,527	2,390	528,081
1916 ..	219,900	113,587	95,143	49,170	32,420	16,657	6,003	7,091	4,326	2,180	546,550
1917 ..	217,002	144,198	78,019	52,258	34,944	17,433	7,032	6,742	4,550	2,000	544,187
1918 ..	259,824	103,152	91,656	54,119	37,784	14,840	4,599	9,502	4,623	1,656	581,765
1919 ..	292,406	95,400	104,547	64,145	37,083	12,148	7,624	8,392	4,430	1,510	627,686
1920 ..	314,437	101,801	136,587	60,324	40,464	10,751	6,451	8,391	3,763	1,481	684,450
1921 ..	337,683	115,364	120,331	58,775	39,720	10,442	7,218	8,076	3,722	1,674	703,009

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

1912 ..	30.5	25.0	18.4	14.0	5.2	2.8	2.2	2.2	1.2	0.5	100.0
1913 ..	35.4	24.4	15.1	9.8	6.5	3.6	1.3	2.3	1.2	0.4	100.0
1914 ..	33.6	23.9	16.1	11.4	7.1	3.2	1.5	1.9	0.9	0.4	100.0
1915 ..	35.3	23.1	16.9	11.6	5.8	2.5	1.6	1.8	0.9	0.5	100.0
1916 ..	40.8	20.8	17.4	9.0	5.9	3.0	1.1	1.8	0.8	0.4	100.0
1917 ..	38.5	23.6	13.8	9.3	6.2	3.1	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.4	100.0
1918 ..	44.7	17.7	15.8	9.3	6.5	2.5	0.8	1.6	0.8	0.3	100.0
1919 ..	46.6	15.2	16.7	10.2	5.9	1.9	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.3	100.0
1920 ..	45.9	14.9	20.0	8.8	5.9	1.6	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.2	100.0
1921 ..	48.0	16.4	17.1	8.4	5.7	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.2	100.0

In the last part of the preceding table the percentage which the membership in each group bears to the total membership of all groups is given for the years 1912 to 1921. In all the years from 1912 onwards more than half the membership of the unions was included in organisations having more than 5000 members. The tendency towards closer organisation is evidenced by the fact that though membership of trade unions has increased since 1912 by 62.3 per cent., the number and membership of unions having less than 2000 members have considerably decreased.

7. **Number and Membership of Interstate or Federated Trade Unions in Commonwealth at end of Years, 1912 to 1921.**—The following table gives particulars of inter-State or federated trade unions having branches in two or more States. The figures given include inter-State unions registered under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act, as well as federated unions which are not so registered :—

Number and Membership of Interstate or Federated Trade Unions in Commonwealth at the end of Years 1912 to 1921.

PARTICULARS.	UNIONS OPERATING IN—					TOTAL.
	2 States.	3 States.	4 States.	5 States.	*6 States.	
Number of Unions, 1912	20	11	17	14	10	72
" " 1913	18	11	16	18	17	78
" " 1914	18	9	14	16	22	79
" " 1915	17	11	14	16	23	81
" " 1916	15	11	12	18	35	81
" " 1917	18	11	18	14	33	94
" " 1918	14	17	13	18	33	95
" " 1919	16	14	12	17	36	95
" " 1920	15	14	14	16	40	99
" " 1921	17	10	15	19	40	101
Number of Members, 1912	31,258	18,147	55,517	43,548	131,201	279,771
" " 1913	31,063	13,389	73,186	54,202	180,597	352,437
" " 1914	26,423	7,853	64,040	67,427	190,084	355,827
" " 1915	21,709	10,425	73,760	76,633	197,310	379,837
" " 1916	18,185	12,739	56,717	101,848	222,794	412,283
" " 1917	18,288	19,640	76,981	90,068	252,319	456,303
" " 1918	14,709	35,885	58,376	95,042	266,135	469,147
" " 1919	19,323	43,643	51,882	106,430	276,652	497,930
" " 1920	19,494	52,556	53,448	123,258	294,622	543,378
" " 1921	20,787	42,127	60,413	137,585	307,438	568,350

* Certain unions in this group have, in addition to branches in each of the six States, a branch in the Northern Territory.

The development of trade union organisation of an inter-State character is reflected in the figures given in the above table. The number of organisations operating in two or more States has increased from 72 in 1912 to 101 in 1921, and the percentage of the membership of such organisations on the total membership of all organisations has increased from 64.6 per cent. to 80.8 per cent. during the same period.

8. Central Labour Organisations.—In each of the metropolitan towns, as well as in a number of other industrial centres, delegate organisations, consisting of representatives from a group of trade unions, have been established. Their revenue is raised by means of a per capita tax on the members of each affiliated union. In most of the towns where such central organisations exist, the majority of the local unions are affiliated with the central organisation, which is usually known as the Labour or Trades Hall Council, or the Labour Federation. In Western Australia a unified system of organisation extends over the industrial centres throughout the State, and there is a provincial branch of the Australian Labour Party, having a central council and executive, and metropolitan and branch district councils, to which the local bodies are affiliated. The central council, on which all district councils are represented, meets periodically. In the other States, however, the organisation is not so close, and though provision usually exists in the rules of the central council at the capital town of each State for the organisation of district councils, or for the representation on the central council of the local councils in the smaller industrial centres of the State, the councils in each State are, as a matter of fact, independent bodies. The table shews the number of metropolitan and district or local labour councils, together with the number of unions and branches of unions affiliated therewith, in each State at the end of the years 1914 to 1921.

Central Labour Organisations—Number and Unions Affiliated at the end of the Years 1914 to 1921.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'with.	
No. of Councils ..	1914	4	5	1	4	11	1	26
	1915	3	5	1	4	10	1	24
	1916	4	5	4	4	10	1	28
	1917	4	5	2	4	11	1	27
	1918	4	5	5	3	10	1	28
	1919	3	5	4	3	10	1	26
	1920	3	5	4	3	10	1	26
	1921	3	5	3	3	9	1	24
No. of Unions and Branch Unions Affiliated	1914	184	196	18	84	182	24	668
	1915	150	198	26	89	183	22	668
	1916	169	205	67	90	181	20	732
	1917	163	192	46	82	171	18	672
	1918	143	188	58	80	159	18	646
	1919	127	175	50	76	168	19	615
	1920	144	183	50	67	181	27	652
	1921	126	187	40	74	181	27	644

The figures given in the above table as to number of unions do not necessarily represent separate unions, since the branches of a large union may be affiliated to the local trades councils in the several towns in which they are represented.

Between the trade union and the central organisation of unions may be classed certain State or district councils, organised on trade lines and composed of delegates from separate unions, the interests of the members of which are closely connected by reason of the occupations of their members, such, for example, as delegate councils of bakers, bread carters and mill employees, or of unions connected directly or indirectly with the iron, steel or brass trades, or with the building trades.

9. **Particulars of Unions Registered under Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act, classified according to Industrial Groups, at end of Year 1921.**—Under Part V. of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act any association of not less than 100 employees in any industry may be registered.* The following table gives particulars of registered unions at the end of the year 1921. Registered unions include both inter-State associations and associations operating within one State only.

Particulars of Unions Registered under Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act, classified according to Industrial Groups, at end of Year 1921.

Industrial Group.	No. of Unions.	Mem-ber-ship.	Industrial Group.	No. of Unions.	Mem-ber-ship.
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. . .	3	22,300	IX. Railway & Tramway Services	5	57,602
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	14	52,931	X. Other Land Transport	4	10,517
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	11	34,931	XI. Shipping, etc.	3	36,349
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	4	39,854	XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	1	†
V. Books, Printing, etc.	2	†	XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	5	12,938
VI. Other Manufacturing	18	34,446	XIV. Miscellaneous	41	237,454
VII. Building	6	35,886			
VIII. Mining, Quarries, etc.	1	†	TOTAL	123	575,268

† Not available for publication separately, included in Group XIV.

The figures given in the above table regarding unions registered under the Commonwealth Act are not comparable with those given in the table in paragraph 7 hereof regarding all inter-State and federated unions. A few federated unions included in the table in paragraph 7 are not registered under the Commonwealth Act, while, on the other hand, a number of purely State organisations registered under the Act are, of course, not included in the table in paragraph 7.

* Under the Arbitration (Public Service) Act an association of less than 100 employees may be registered as an organisation, provided its members comprise at least three-fifths of all persons engaged in that industry in the service.