SECTION II.---LABOUR ORGANISATIONS.

General.—In Report No. 2 the method adopted in ascertaining-1. 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 unableto 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 theyear 1906. It is now fully recognized by all concerned that the affairs. of no single union are disclosed in the published results. It is, perhaps, almost unnecessary to add that the investigations are based upon an impartial review of the evidence, and are used solely for general statistical purposes. The wide recognition of this has led to a greater readiness to assist the Bureau in securing complete information, and the thanks of the Bureau are again tendered to the Secretaries of Trade Unions for theircordial co-operation in this matter.

2. Development of Trade Unions in Australia, 1906 to 1920.—The following table shews for the years specified the total number of tradeunions in the Commonwealth, and the number and membership of thoseunions 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.

Particulars.	1906,	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919,	1920.
Total Number of Unions No. of Unions for which	302	621	710	712	.713	705	. 747	767	771	796÷
membership available Membership of	253	621	710	712	713	705	747	767	771	796=
these Unions Estimated Total	147,049	433,224	497,925	523,271	528,031	540,556	564,187	681,78 5	627,685	684,450
Membership of all Unions	175,529	, ,		."			+1	17	"	••

Number and Membership of Trade Unions in Commonwealth at end of each Year Specified, 1906 to 1920.

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These figures shew that the number of unions in 1920 was more than double the number in 1906. The membership during the same period increased nearly 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. The increase in the year 1914 was 25,346; in 1916, 18,525; in 1917, 17,631; in 1918, 17,568; in 1919, 45,930; and in 1920, 56,765.

3. Number and Membership of Trade Unions and Branches, 1912 to 1920.—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 1920.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership, at end of Years 1912 to 1920.

Ye	ar,	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.Á.	Tas.	N'thern T'tory.	Total.	C'with.			
				NO. OF	SEPAR.	ATE UN	IONS.						
912	• • • •	177	151	67	78	97	51		621	+408			
913	••	201	162	94	86	107	60	· .	710	432			
914 915	• •	197 203	170 161	- 80 89	87 87	107 104	66	3	71 <u>2</u> 713	+430 +415			
916		199	151	93	86	107	66	8	705	+892			
917		220	156	96	93	iŏå	71	8	747	*389			
918	••	217	168	102	101	111	74	4	767	*\$94			
919 .	••	211	160	106	101	112	77	4	771	*394			
920	••	214	158	115	104	121	81.	. 3	796	*388			
			. <u></u> <u>.</u>	NO	OF BR	ANCHES	s		<u> </u>				
912		453	241	226	62	177	83	,.	1.192	11,405			
913	••	555	292	280	74	174	- 60		1,385	11.663			
914	••	698	814	224	85	214	62		1,497	1,779			
915 916	••	721	312 361	246 290	94 102	203 170	63 72	·· i	1,639 1,785	1,937			
917	••	765	353	291	98	195	76		1.778	19,136			
918		785	346 .	298	137	195	75		1,836	12,209			
ê19	••	748	421	338	194	161	70		1,868	12,245			
920		871	453	340	139	172	81	l <u>::</u>	2,056	12,464			
					0. OF M	EMBER:	s						
912		192,626	116,557	44,768	37,336	33.28 2	8,655		433.224	433.224			
913		230,677	130,176	51,683	40,061	33,282 85,317	10.011		497,925	497,925			
914	••	240,023	188,810	55,580	40,956	38,106	9,149	647	528,271	523,271			
915	• •	241,979	141,993	68,310.	89,264	\$5,980	9,346	1,159	528,031	628,031			
916 917		244,074 248,851	147,614	66,807 75,393	42,537	83,900 33,263	10,268	1, 361 1,664	546,556 564,187	540,556 564,187			
918	• ::	243,176	152,063	87.737	51,559	33,761	11,900	1,559	681,755	581,755			
919		255,899	164,583	97.378	56,879	38,169	13.556	1,221	627,685	027.685			
		277,519	187,100	103,784	55,958	44,054	15,220	815	684,450	684,450			
920		1211,020		PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.									
920				ENTAGE	INCREA	se in P	EMBER	SHIP.					
<u>920 ·</u> 913		12.0	PERC:	11.5	10.7	10.6	11.6	SHIP.	11.5	11.5			
920 · 913 914		12.0	PERC	11.5	10.7 2.2	10.6	11.6		5.1	δ.1			
920 913 914 915		12.0 4.1 0.8	PERC 11.2 6.6 2.3	11.5 7.5 4.9	10.7 2.2 14.1	10.6 7.9 15.6	11.6 \$8.6 2.2	 79.1	5.1 0.9	5.1 0.9			
920 - 913 914 915 916		12.0 4.1 0.8 0 9	PERC 11.2 6.6 2.3 40	11.5 7.5 4.9 14.6	10.7 2.2 \$4.1 8.3	10.6 7.9 \$5.6 \$5.8	11.6 \$8.6 2.2 9.8	 	5.1 0.9 8.5	5.1 0.9 . 8.5			
920 913 914 915 916 917		12.0 4.1 0.8 0 9 2.0	PERC 11.2 6.6 2.3 40 0.8	11.5 7.5 4.9 14.6 12.9	10.7 2.2 14.1 8.3 6.7	10.6 7.9 \$5.6 \$5.8 \$1.9	11.6 \$8.6 2.2 9.8 6.1	 79.1 17.4 22.3	5.1 0.9 3.5 3.2	5.1 0,9 - 8.5 3.2			
920 - 913 914 915 916		12.0 4.1 0.8 0 9	PERC 11.2 6.6 2.3 40	11.5 7.5 4.9 14.6	10.7 2.2 \$4.1 8.3	10.6 7.9 \$5.6 \$5.8	11.6 \$8.6 2.2 9.8	 	5.1 0.9 8.5	5.1 0.9 . 8.5			

Allowing for inter-State excess. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations, and inter-State groups of organizations in the Commonwealth. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing (see remarks below). I 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. I Decrease.

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

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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 1920 compared with 1912 amounts to 58.0 per cent.

There has been an increase in membership in Victoria and Queensland in each of the years 1913 to 1920 inclusive, and in New South Wales in each year except 1918. In South Australia there were small decreases in membership in 1915 and in 1920. In Tasmania a decrease occurred in 1914, but the figures for subsequent years shew increases. In Western Australia there was a decrease in each of the years 1915, 1916, and 1917, and an increase in 1913, 1914, 1918, 1919 and 1920.

Number of Unions and Membership in Industrial Groups, Common-4. wealth, 1912 to 1920 .- 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 1920. It will be seen from the following table 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. Groups II. (Engineering, Metal Works, etc.), VI. (Other Manufacturing), IX. (Railway and Tramway Services), and XIII. (Domestic, Hotels, etc.), shew fairly large increases in membership during the year 1920; Groups XI. (Shipping, etc.), and XII. (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.), shew decreases during the year ; but in the other groups the membership has not varied to any great extent.

111 LL40	MOAT NOT	Groups B	e end e		years I	912 10	1920.		
industrial Group	s,	1912	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919,	1920.
		NN	UMBER (F UNIO	NØ.				
i, Furniture, etc	ч <u>.</u>	24	20	20	20	19	20	20	19
neering, Metal W	orks, etc		76				77		76
, Drink, Todacci	o, etc.	1 00				74	80	37	71 26
nug, naw, door	s, acc.				30 80	20			26
e, Limmus, ow.	•• •								84
llng		20	67			60		57	56
ng. Quarries, etc			27			25			ĬŠ
vay and Tramway	y Service	s 25	32	31	28	84	40 (43	43
r Land Transpor	t	19 :					23 .		22
olng, etc.	••.								69
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estic, Hotels, etc		. <u>ōo</u>							23
llaneous	••		160	162	168	187	200	210	254
1	••	621	712	713	705	747	767	771	790
		NUM	BER OF	Мвмввр	ua.	·	·!		
l. Furniture, etc	I_	18.569	19.071	16.172	14.762	16.365	18,953	21.156	23.69
neering, Metal W	forks, el	tc. 29,953	42,108				47.135		
. Drink, Tobace	o, etc.	28,132			41,515	41,229	40,953	46,569	
ing, Hats, Boots	B, etc.			21,885	25,962	29,150	31,856	38,620	40,3
a, Printing, etc.	••			10,784	11,079	11,401	11,972	13,259	15,1
Manufacturing									39,7
		1 60.000	20,090				35,701		40,3
ig, Quarties, etc	 V Servia				75 904		74 819		
I Land Transpor	nt Doctor				15.719	14,728			17.8
ping. etc		000 3 6		42,905	45,868				
oral, Agricultura	l, etc.	52,180	44,593	38,334	37.679	40,735	44,176	46,794	42,9
estić, Hotels, etc	3.	14,289		9,269	9,907	10,163	11,169	14.702	19.3
ellaneoue	••	69,991	100,876	107,975	117,050	123,309	183,855	137,378	169,2
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Number and Membership of Trade Unions in the Commonwealth classified in Industrial Groups at the end of years 1912 to 1920.

For particulars relating to year 1913, 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, 1920. 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 1920, the estimated number of adult employees of each sex in 1920 is obtained. This is, of course, subject to some measure of uncertainty at a point of time-like the present-viz., 10 years after the date of the Census.

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

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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 Membe	rs of Trade Unions	on 2	Estimated Total
Number	of Male and Female Em	ployees, 20 years of	Age a	and over, in all
Professi	ons, Trades, and Occupat	ions, at end of Year	1920.	.•

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A .	W.A.	Tas.	Nthn. T'tory.	C'with.
	_	·MA1	les.					
No. of Members of Unions Estimated Total No. of Employees		154,350	93,162	50,957	39,617	14,326	815	606,620
20 years of age and over Percentage of Members on Esti-	407,284	273,675	147,809	84,192	81,261	38,910	1,722	1,084;853
mated Total No. Employees		56.4	63.0	60.5	48.8	36.8	47.3	58.0
		Fem/	LRS.		•			·
No, of Members of Unions Estimated Total No, of Employees	24,126	32,750	10,622	5,001	4,537	894		77,830
20 years of age and over Percentage of Members on Est	90,637	83,817	29,095	20,605	13,787	8,064	91	245,596
mated Total No. Employees	26.6	39.3	36,5	24.3	32.2	··11,1	••	31.7

* Corresponding figures for 1912 will be found in Report No. 2, page 12; for 1913, in Report No. 5, page 10; or 1914 and 1915 in Report No. 6, page 11; for 1916 in Report No. 7, page 343; for 1917 in Report No. 8, page 13, for 1918 in Report No. 9, page 14; and for 1910 in Report No. 10, page 14.

It may be seen that the male membership in 1920 was 606,620, and female membership 77,830, representing percentages on the total membership of 88.6 and 11.4 respectively. Of the 77,830 female members of trade unions in 1920, 25,410, or 32.7 per cent., are included in Group IV. (Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.), 19,822, or 25.6 per cent., in Groups III. (Food, Drink, etc.), and XIII. (Domestic, Hotels, etc.), and 24,804, or 31.9 per cent., in Group XIV. (Miscellaneous).

(ii.) Percentage of Male and Female Members of Trade Unions in the Commonwealth, 1912 to 1920. The following table shews 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							
Number of B	fale and Fem	ale Employees	4 20 (years of	Age	and over,	in all
Professions,	Trades, and	Occupations in	the	Common	vealt	h, 1912 tó	1920.

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Particulars.	1912,	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918,	1919.	1920,
			MALES.	·	·	<u> </u>		
No. of Members of Unions	415,554	500,686	499,160	506,981	518,582	531,090	664,262	600,620
Estimated Total No. of Em- ployees 20 yrs. of age & over Percentage of Members on	944,599	978,720	957,110	920,686	927,470	948,239	1.017,147	1,034,85
Estimated Total Number of Employees	44.0	51,2	52.2	55.0	55.9	56.0	55.5	58 (
		·	BMALES				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
No. of Members of Unions	17,670	22,585	28,871	39,575	45,605	- 50,665	63,423	77,830
Estimated Total No. of Em- ployees 20 yrs. of age & over Percentage of Members on	210,213	221,485	225,588	229,118	232,856	238,301	240,807	245,596
Estimated Total Number of Employees	8.4	10.2	12,8	17.2	19.6	21.3	26,8	31.1

For particulars relating to year 1913, see Labour Report No 10.

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6. Classification of Trade Unions in Commonwealth according to Number of Members, 1912 to 1920.—The following table shews the number and membership of all trade unions in the Commonwealth for the years 1912 to 1920 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 1920.

Classi Ö- cation.	10,000 and over,	5000 and under 10,000.	2000 and under 5000.	1000 and under 2000.	500 and under 1000,	008 b n a under 00 2	200 and under 300.	100 and under 200.	50 and under 100.	Under 50,	Total.
	•			NUM	BER C	F UNIC	ons.				
1912 1913 1914 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920	7 9 11 9 11 13 14	15 17 16 16 19 15 13 13	26 26 29 30 35 27 33 34 41	43 - 35 39 41 83 36 39 44 43	32 45 52 44 47 48 51 57	32 47 45 35 43 44 38 31 20	39 26 32 84 25 28 19 32 27	67 81 72 69 53 48 66 62 60	72 84 67 63 59 83 65 62 54	75 62 69 74 70 67 57 51 50	408 432 480 415 392 389 894 394 388
					MEMBE	RSHIP.					
1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920	132,335 176,188 176,167 186,765 219,990 217,002 259,824 292,406 314,437	103,152	79,614 75,357 84,359 89,295 96,143 78,019 91,656 104,547 136,587	60,559 48,938 59,350 61,264 49,170 52,258 54,119 64,145 60,824	22,585 32,154 37,141 30,651 32,429 34,944 37,784 37,083 40,464	12,234 17,994 16,439 13,405 16,657 17,433 14,840 12,148 10,761	9,483 6,406 7,898 8,308 6,003 7,032 4,599 7,624 6, <u>4</u> 51	9,323 11,326 10,141 9,408 7,091 6,742 9,602 8,392 8,391	5,106 5,914 4,572 4,527 4,326 4,550 4,623 4,430 3,783	1,938 2,193 2,899 2,160 2,009 1,656 1,510	523,271 528,031 546,550 564,187 581,755 027,686
			PERCI	İNTAGI	OF T	DTAL M	EMBER	8HIP.			
1912 1913 1914 1916 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920	30.5 35.4 35.3 40 3 38.5 44.7 46.6 45.9	23.0 24.4 23 9 23.1 20.8 25.6 17.7 15.2 14.9	18.4 15.1 16.1 16.9 17.4 13.8 15.8 16.7 20.0	14.0 9.8 11.4 11.6 9.0 9.3 9.3 10.2 8.8	5.2 8.5 7.1 6.9 6.5 5.9 5.9 5.9	2.8 3.6 3.2 2.5 3.0 3.1 2.5 1.9 1.6	2.2 1.3 1.6 1.1 1.2 0.8 1.2 0 9	2.2 2.3 1.9 1.8 1.1 1.6 1.3 1.2	1.2 1.2 0.9 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.7 0.6	0.5 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.3 0.3 0.2	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

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 1920. 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 58.0 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 1920.—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 :—

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			UNIONS OPERATING IN-							
PARTICULARS.		2 States.	8 States.	4 States.	5 States.	*6 States.	TOTAL.			
Number of Unio	ns. 1912	20		17	14	10	72			
** **	1913	16	11	16	18	17	78 79			
	1914	18	9	14	16	23 23 25 88	79			
	1915	17	11	i 14	16 18	23	81			
	1916	15	11	12	18	25	81			
	1917	18	11	18	14	88	94			
	1918	14	17	13	18	83	95			
H H	1919	16	14	12	17	36	95			
22 12	1920	15	14	14	16	40	03			
Number of Memb	ors, 1912	31,358	18,147	65,517	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	\$55,827			
· · ·	1915	21,709	10,425	78,760	76,033	197,310	379,887			
	1916	18,185	12,739	56,717	101,848	222,794	412,283			
	1917	18,286	15,649	76,981	90,068	252,819	456,803			
19 29	1918	14,709	\$5,885	58,376	95,042	265,135	469,147			
· · · ·	1919	19,323	43,643	51,882	106,430	276,652	497,930			
	1920	19,494	52,556	58,448	123,258	294,622	543,378			

Number and Membership of Interstate or Federated Trade Unions in Commonwealth at the end of Years 1912 to 1920.

• 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 99 in 1920, and the percentage of the membership of such organisations on the total membership of all organisations has increased from 64.6 per cent. to 79.4 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 1920.

Particulars.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A	Tas.	C'with.
No. of Councils	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 1914\\ 1915\\ 1916\\ 1917\\ 1917\\ 1918\\ 1919\\ 1920\\ \end{array}\right.$	4 8 4 4 3 3	5555 5555	1 1 2 5 	4444233	11 10 10 11 10 10 10	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	26 24 28 27 28 26 26
No. of Unions and Branch Unions Affiliated	<pre> { 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1918 1919 1920</pre>	164 150 169 163 143 127 144	196 198 205 192 188 175 183	18 26 67 46 58 50 50	84 89 90 82 80 76 67	182 183 181 171 159 168 181	24 22 18 18 19 27	668 668 732 672 646 615 652

Central Labour Organisations—Number and Unions Affiliated at the end of the Years 1914 to 1920.

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, 1920.—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 1920. Registered unions include both inter-State associations and associations operating within one State only.

Particulars of Unions Registered under Cor	
Act, classified according to Indust	trial Groups, at end of Year 1920.

Industrial Group.	No. of Unions,	Mem- ber- ship.	Industrial Group.	Nem- oroja ber- ND ship.
1. Wood, Furniture, etc II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. IV. Clothing, Mats, Boots, etc. V. Books, Printing, etc. VI. Other Manufacturing VII. Building VII. Building	3 14 11 4 3 19 6 1	21,416 48,806 33,216 38,546 8,241 34,899 34,330 †	XI. Shipping, etc.	4 10,340 9 37,072

• 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. 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.