

HISTORY OF UNIONS IN FRUIT INDUSTRY

1922 Small group in Summerland

1938 Small group in Kelowna

1941 Small group in Penticton

1942 Early spring workers organized Oliver, Osoyoos, Kaleden and called in Organizer from C.C. of L. Local Union set up in above areas.

June 26th, 1942 Agreement signed covering all Plants south of Penticton.

1943 Spring: Workers organized in Kelowna, Rutland, Winfield and Okanagan Centre, Woodsdale, Oyama, Vernon and Salmon Arm and Local Union formed.

June 15th, 1943: Agreement signed covering all Plants in Okanagan Valley with clause stating "This Agreement is one of a series identical in terms and is not subject to alteration by any of its signatories."

1st Industry Wide Agreement approved by Employers and Workers

1944 No Agreement reached.

1945 May 1st: Another Industry Wide Agreement signed. (Containing clause referred to in 1943 Agreement.)

1945 November: O'Brian outlines to Local Unions C.C of L. could no longer afford to service valley.

1945 December 23rd: Representative of Local Unions met in Kelowna to discuss transfer. Only one local favoured transfer.

1946 March 16th: After request from C.C. of L. representatives of Local Unions met with O'Brian and Symington to discuss transfer. O'Brian again states C.C. of L. unable to finance service of organization. Statement by Symington taken from minutes of meeting. "Re: the Industry Brother Symington said, that in order to get proper results thru a blanket agreement the whole industry must be reorganized." Representatives agreed to put matter of transfer to vote of locals.