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For example, a strike by auto workers in Oshawa in 1937 ended with a settlement agreement on certain key issues, as did strikes in the same year by workers in the textile industry in Quebec and Ontario. Employers, on the other hand, were opposed to the growth of trade unionism and benefited from strong support from the Union Nationale government of Maurice Duplessis 1890-1959.

Secessionist movements of Canada

The sovereignty law began to be drafted almost as soon as the Parti Québécois came to power and three political parties, Parizeau's Parti Québécois, the Bloc Québécois led by Lucien Bouchard, and the Action Démocratique led by Mario Dumont agreed on a final law and to hold referendum on the question. A number of Quebecers who distinguished themselves during these labour disputes would eventually become well-known political or trade union figures, such as Jean Marchand, Madeleine Parent born 1918 and Michel Chartrand born 1916.

Confederation of National Trade Unions

For example, the Canadian Auto Workers left the United Auto Workers in 1985, after 50 years of affiliation, because of disagreement over Canadian control of wage bargaining, strike authorization, and staff appointments. In these circumstances, the interest of the state and capital were unambiguously aligned. This number peaked in 1907 at 188, and then again in 1912 at 181.

List of trade unions in Quebec

This strike was jointed by unions from other trades.

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In 1937, the Freedom of Trade Union Association Act was passed in Alberta, legalizing trade unions and giving them rights of collective bargaining. The kidnappings prompted Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to declare martial law in Montreal and suspend some civil liberties.

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Even in peacetime, the militia was not infrequently dispatched to protect strikebreakers and evict strikers from company housing. When the Toronto printers were charged with conspiracy in 1872, courts determined that the British law of 1871 did not apply in Canada, so that unions were still unlawful.

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Their vision of a revitalized and reformed society, economy, and democracy had an enormous and general appeal in an era of rapid change and wild fluctuations in employment opportunities: Somehow their moral outrage and vision of a more communitarian alternative caught the mood of thousands of anxious workers, who were prepared to take a stand against the dominant social and economic developments of the late 19th century.

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. That same day, however, Prime Minister John A. Manifest in many ways including working class campaigns for literacy, temperance, and rational recreation.

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