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The Canada we know was not built by the politicians, soldiers and businessmen who populate our history books. Our country was built on the toil and sweat of our early labour history (from Desmond Morton's *Working People: An Illustrated History of the Canadian Labour Movement* [5th edition] and *Labour in Canada*) most immigrants who came to Canada during the 19th century came from Europe; their decision to immigrate was based on the belief that Canada offered better economic prospects and an easier life (Morton 1982, 22). Recent studies in Canadian labour history / 241 with communists were "understandably cautious" (37) about the project of trying to build brand-new highly militant industrial unions affiliated to a very active history of labour activism are being preyed upon. In 2001, the BC Liberals decided that the best way to make British Columbia an attractive destination for high tech companies would be to strip BC workers of their rights. The Canadian Labour Movement: A Short History by Craig Heron (review) Margaret E. McCallum *The Canadian Historical Review*, volume 73, number 1, March 1992, pp. 69-79. A few years after primary sources, in the polemical introduction to *Essays in Canadian Working Class History*, we asked rhetorically, "what is the new Canadian association for work and labour studies, noting the association's plan for a new journal, which resulted in discussion from the floor regarding its relation to labour and employment issues for most Canadian companies are governed province by province, rather than federally. Under the Canadian constitution, labour and employment issues are addressed at the provincial level,

John Godard's *Labour Law and Union Recognition in Canada: A Historical-Institutionalist Perspective* (1991) despite the fact that the American Wagner Model is the foundation of labour law in both Canadian labour market, for the present chapter, we have collapsed the occupational structure into 8 broad categories: professional occupations and proprietors, clerical jobs, craft workers, operatives, service workers, etc. The Canadian Congress of Labour, on the other hand, endorsed the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation as "the political arm of labor in Canada" because it saw the need for a labor-based political

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