

The story at a glance, The BC Lumberworker

THE STORY AT A GLANCE

Here's the record of a union that knows how to fight, and of a union membership that knows what to fight for . . . It's the best record, and the proudest, of any union in Canada . . . It's the record of the International Woodworkers of America, B.C. District Council No. 1, during the first ten years of its existence . . .

- **The highest wage rate of any basic industry in Canada—**
A minimum of \$1.10 an hour in logging camps and 95 cents an hour in sawmills for the Coast region.
- **The biggest total wage increases won by any major trade union in Canada during the past year—**
An increase of \$2.20 per day for every woodworker in B.C. from June 1946 to July 1947.
- **The greatest reduction in working hours was by any union in Canada—**
The 40-hour week in the Coast region, a reduction of eight hours per week since June 1946;
The 44-hour week for Interior lumbering, a reduction of ten hours per week since July 1945.
- **Here's the record at a glance:**

BEFORE 1937	1947
35 cents an hour (sawmills)	95 cents an hour
50 cents an hour (camps)	\$1.10 an hour
blacklist	job security
no overtime	time and one-half
48-54 hour week	40-hour week
no paid vacations	vacations with pay
layoff without notice	seniority rights
no safety first	safety committees

- **The IWA has now become the spearhead of the B.C. labor movement's campaign for progress—**
It has been the driving force in four annual Labor Lobbies to Victoria;
It has been the key factor in winning such progressive legislation as the provincial 44-hour week and holidays with pay;
It now leads the labor movement of B.C. in fighting for the defeat of the anti-labor Bill 39.

These great advances have been registered in the first ten years of IWA history. The union and its 25,000 members now look forward to an even greater era of progress in the years to come.

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