

BC LABOUR HERITAGE CENTRE

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IWA Local 30 Ladies' Auxiliary, Lake Cowichan Labour Day Parade (1943), Kaatza Station Museum & Archives, Wilmer Gold Collection, © USW Local 1-1937.

25 Pretty Awesome Things We Did in 2019

1. **Winnipeg General Strike.** It was the 100th anniversary of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike and sympathetic strikes across BC. [Listen to a union seaman](#) who arrived in Vancouver during the 1919 strike.

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THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR—No. 146 Sun price 3.16 c. m. Sun sale 9.42 p. m. Mon. 1.00 p. 4.45 a. m. (over time)	VANCOUVER, B. C., TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1919	Low tide 11.37 a. m. High tide 4.32 p. m. Low tide 11.37 p. m. (over time)
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Calgary and Edmonton Out Yesterday; Toronto and Regina Vote to Quit Today		
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2. **Focus on Prince Rupert.** Our new Prince Rupert Labour History Walking Tour is now available for download on our [“BC Labour History Walking Tours App”](#).

3. Original BCLHC research **walked us through** the [1919 Prince Rupert General Strike](#).

4. We conducted nine [Oral History interviews](#) with current and past **union activists in Prince Rupert**.

5. We shared the story of [Prince Rupert’s Labour Watchdog, George Casey](#) (1876-1962).

6. Proceeds and royalties from the sale of ["On the Line: A History of the British Columbia Labour Movement"](#) were used to put a copy in every public secondary school in the province.

7. Our **social media posts** reached over 100,000 users. An audience favourite: that time in 1975 when [Led Zeppelin became Part of the \[CUPE\] Union](#).



BC Federation of Labour Officials (on right) George Johnston and Len Guy picket CKJLG radio in Vancouver, 1975. UBC Rare Books and Special Collections, BC1844/58.

8. Rod Mickleburgh received **The George Ryga Award for Social Awareness** for *On the Line: A History of the British Columbia Labour Movement*. [Read Rod's exceptional acceptance speech.](#)

9. We told you about **Emmitt Holmes**, the only black member of the Vancouver Local of the International Woodworkers of America ([IWA Local 1-217](#)) in 1944.

10. The **Labor Arts Guild** organized two Vancouver Art Gallery exhibits in 1944 and 1945 in Vancouver. [Read the story.](#)

11. Our [virtual exhibit](#) produced for the Canadian Museum of History's Virtual Museum has been published. **“Solidarity: The Largest Political Protest in BC's History”** will be online for five years.

12. **Solidarity Times**, published in 1983, [has been digitized.](#)

13. The **Grant De Patie story** has been an inspiration to young workers to take up the fight for workplace safety.

14. The feminist **Association of University and College Employees** (AUCE) at UBC won the [first fully funded maternity benefits](#) in a collective agreement in 1974.

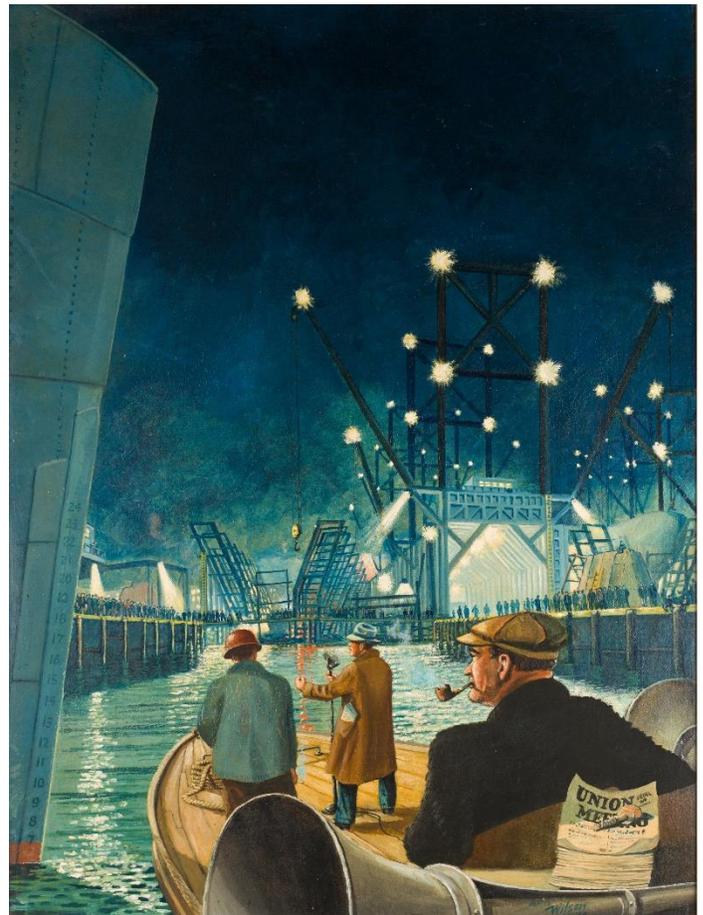
15. A tragedy in 1909 killed 23 **Japanese railway workers** in Burnaby. [The story says much](#) about working conditions and racial discrimination in BC's early history.

16. **Working People Built BC!** [Over 190 locations of importance](#) to working people in BC have now been mapped on our website.

17. A conference and a workshop for 100+ **teachers and union educators** shared our extensive resource of [videos and lesson plans on BC labour history.](#)

18. We hosted our first [BC Labour History Boat Tour of Burrard Inlet](#) with a trip around **Vancouver's working waterfront.**

19. Strong, democratic, socially conscious and passionate: the [Hospital Employees' Union](#) became our **newest sponsor.**



“Organization” by Fraser Wilson shown in 1944 at *“British Columbia at Work”*, courtesy North Vancouver Museum & Archives, NVMA 2012.17.1

20. Happy Anniversary! The Provincial Civil Service Association of B.C held their first annual convention in 1919. [After 100 years](#), the **BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)**, has over 79,000 members.

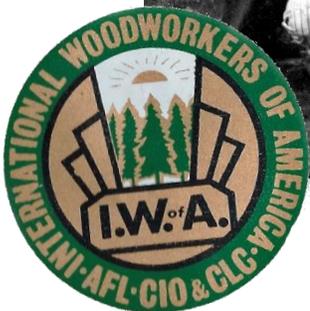
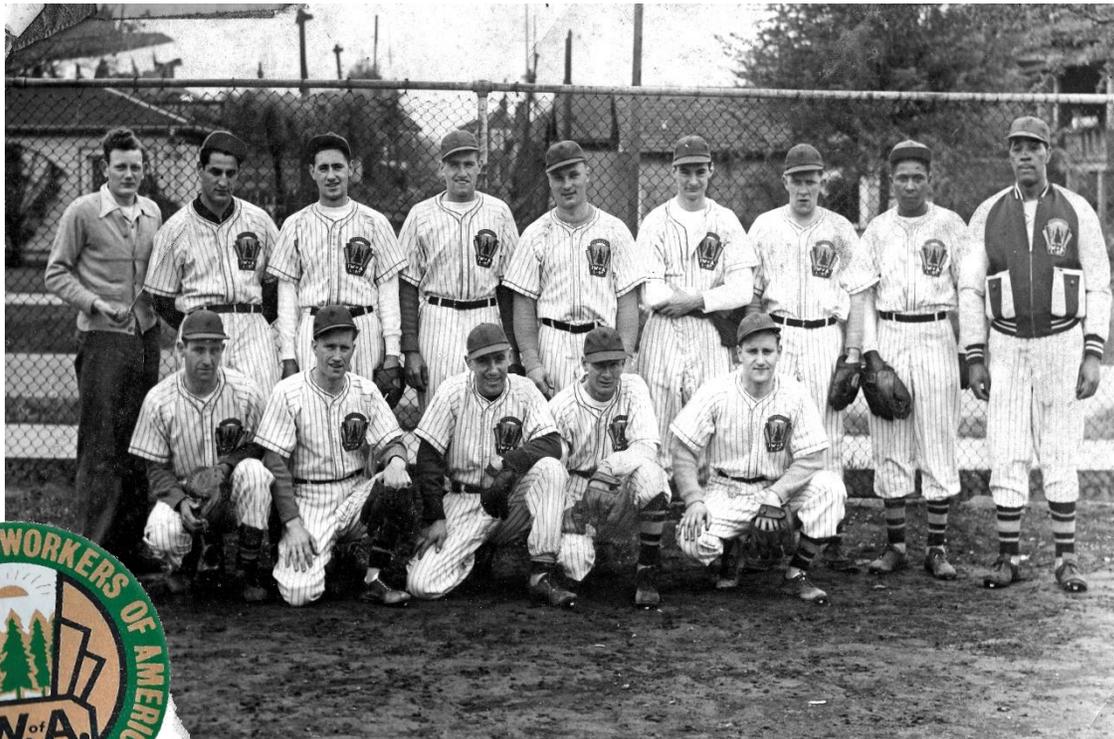
21. A record number of **schools** participated in the 2019 [Day of Mourning BC Schools Project](#).

22. We celebrated **15 years of accomplishments**, paid tribute to retiring Chair, Bro. Ken Novakowski and welcomed our new Chair Joey Hartman at a dinner in Burnaby.

23. [Watch](#): "**The BC Labour Heritage Centre**: Preserving Our Past, Preparing Our Future".

24. We added nine video interviews to our [Oral History Collection](#). The collection is housed at Simon Fraser University Library and **viewable online**.

25. Our **e-newsletter** bursting with BC labour history was sent [every month](#) to over 1,400 subscribers.



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