A large crowd of workers, many wearing white hard hats, are gathered for a protest. The image is in a sepia or brownish tone. In the foreground, a large sign is held up. In the background, other smaller signs are visible.

**Alberta
Workers
in their
Own
Words!**

Alberta
Labour
Laws
Unfair

An Injury
to one is
an injury
to all

2007

Alberta Labour History
Institute Calendar



*Unemployed worker rides rails near Edmonton c.1937,
Glenbow Archives.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 <i>Full Moon</i>	4	5	6
	1905 Conference of industrial unionists in Chicago leads to the formation of the Industrial Workers of the World					1963 The 1,000,000th claim for compensation by an injured worker is filed with the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Board in its 45th year of operation
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				1973 Negotiations for a first contract at Wardair fail. A two-month strike starts		
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>New Moon</i>	20
1929 Martin Luther King born in Atlanta, Georgia		1906 Founding meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council	1915 Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) poet Ralph Chaplin writes <i>Solidarity Forever</i>			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1962 Alberta New Democrats founding provincial convention			1975 Canadian Air Line Flight Attendants (CALFAA) lobbying campaign defeats proposal by Transport Canada prohibiting female flight attendants from working beyond 13th week of pregnancy	1850 Samuel Gompers, first president of American Federation of Labor, born in London, England	1954 Workers at Fort Saskatchewan's first chemical refinery are chartered as ICWU Local 530. Now known as Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Local 530A	
28	29	30	31			
1946 Supreme Court Justice Ivan Rand, dealing with an autoworkers' dispute in Ontario, rules that unions have the legal right to collect dues from all members of a recognized bargaining unit, when the majority votes to create a union local						

January

"The difference between then and now is now we're getting a lot of managers from outside the mill. You can't talk to them. They come along, I'm an engineer, I got a ring and this is the way it is. Ya ok, you went to school for four years. I told a couple of them they should add a couple of years to that and teach you common sense the first two years. There are guys who have been operating in the plant for 30 years plus, and they know what's going on. So we get to the point we just tell the guys, you're the boss. I do the work, you tell me what to do. Then we're down. So ok now we're down, tell us how to get it going again. Well what do you guys think? Well, tell us what to do. You're the guy with the ring."

Bill Belcourt,
Hinton

SORRY.
NO HELP
REQUIRED

*Ft. McMurray welding shop
owner hangs sign during 1980's recession.
Provincial Archives of Alberta*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 <i>Full Moon</i>	3
4 1965 The closing of the Standard Mine at Shaughnessy, Alberta ends the coal-mining era in southern Alberta 2002 Alberta's largest teachers' strike begins, receives strong public support	5	6	7 1906 Lethbridge Trades and Labour Council granted charter 1974 General strike in Grenada leads to independence; US invades 10 years later	8	9	10
11	12 1947 The gush of Leduc #1 oil well marks the beginning of a new stage of petroleum development for Alberta	13 1949 5,000 workers begin a four-month, illegal strike in Asbestos, Québec, a strike that marked the beginnings of militancy and secularism for the "Catholic" union federation in Quebec	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 <i>New Moon</i>
18 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	19	20	21	22 2001 Calgary's longest transit strike begins, ending 49 days later	23 1848 Revolution begins in France, inspiring revolts across Europe 1965 District 1199 Health Care Workers becomes first U.S. labour union to oppose Vietnam War	24
25	26	27	28			

February

“It was 100% involvement of the contractors...they got permission from the Alberta government through a change in the legislation, and they locked all the trade unions out overnight, a ‘24 hour lockout’. The 24 hour lockout was significant in that prior to the lockout, we were all union members. We had a full benefit package, full pension package, full wages, collective agreements were in place. At the end of the day, after 24 hours of lockout, we were 100% non-union. No collective agreements, no benefits, no overtime, no nothing - that simple. Devastating, absolute devastation. People had mortgages, they had car payments, they had marriages, and it was all just devastating to the social side of this province.”

Brad Bulloch,
Calgary



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**WE'VE BEEN
UNDERPAID
TOO LONG**

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**GOVERNMENT OF
ALBERTA WILL NOT
PAY PARITY**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 <i>Full Moon</i>
			1978 Canadian Human Rights Act takes effect, outlawing discrimination on the grounds of age or marital status 1908 First International Women's Day started in New York City by garment workers		1906 Seven-month United Mine Workers strike in Lethbridge begins, resulting in anti-labour Industrial Disputes Investigation Act being passed by federal government in 1907	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			1917 Calgary establishes Labour Representation League to nominate candidates in elections to all levels of government			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
	1919 Delegates from most union locals in western Canada meet at the Western Labour Conference in Calgary and form One Big Union		1913 First convention of the Provincial Council of Carpenters	1951 Local 630 of Oil Workers International Union certified in Edmonton, the first local in the oil industry to last for some time	1918 Canadian women win the right to vote in federal elections 1977 Members of CUPE begin lengthy strike at Parkland nursing home	
18	19	20 <i>1st Day of Spring</i>	21	22	23	24
1911 New York Triangle Shirtwaist Fire - 147 workers, the vast majority women, perish after being locked in the factory by the employer	1919 Civil Service Association of Alberta (CSA), precursor to AUPE, formed	1980 United Nurses of Alberta organize program of action to publicize nurses' low wages				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				1927 Cesar Chavez born near Yuma, Arizona		

March

"I guess from my perspective, one of the things about unions and one of the things that I've learned from dealing with the union movement and the political movement around it, is that people think, or it's portrayed, that unions are controlling, that unions are something which take away liberty and individual rights, etc. In fact, it's just the opposite. From my perspective, what I try to do is empower individual people to be able to do the things they want to do. The vast majority of us are just working in a regular job. That's where you're going to be spending the second greatest amount of your time in your life, is at work. If you don't have an ability to affect that work, then you've lost a big part of your life. So I think unions, if they're run properly by the people who are the unions, the regular members, that's what it does. It empowers that individual."

Bill Flookes,
Calgary



*Stonemasons at work on the Provincial Legislature c.1907,
City of Edmonton Archives.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>April Fool's Day</i> <i>Daylight-Savings</i> 1	<i>Full Moon</i> 2	<i>Passover Begins</i> 3	4	5	<i>Good Friday</i> 6	7
1902 United Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners granted charter for Local 1055 in Calgary 1917 Strike by 7,500 Crow's Nest Pass miners belonging to the United Mine Workers of America						
<i>Easter</i> 8	<i>Easter Monday</i> 9	<i>Passover Ends</i> 10	11	12	13	14
1983 Bill 44 introduced: removes the legal right to strike for all hospital workers 1919 The Edmonton Free Press, journal of the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council, begins publication 2001 Amalgamated Transit Union Local 583 ends Calgary transit strike						
15	16	<i>New Moon</i> 17	18	19	20	21
1907 Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance Local 371 formed in Edmonton 1980 United Nurses of Alberta begin legal strike at 79 hospitals 1980 Nurses defy back-to-work order, winning a negotiated settlement six days later 1951 Civic, school board, and healthcare employees form the Federation of Public Employees, forerunner of the National Union of Public Employees						
<i>Earth Day</i> 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1956 Canadian Labour Congress is formed as a merger of two competing trade union federations 1933 Fourteen leaders of a Calgary relief strike are arrested						
29	30					
1903 76 people are killed in Frank, Alberta when Turtle Mountain, weakened by mining, collapses 1900 First Alberta local of the International Association of Machinists (IAM 357) formed in Calgary						

April

“ I can remember the first fall we came here. Everyone had taken in their gardens. The ladies were all very kind and they said to me I could go in and take what was left and can it. Thank goodness I did because in December the mines shut down and they did not open again until fall... Thank goodness the coal bin was full of coal, but it didn't last that long. We had no money, so the canning I had done came in very handy. My husband used to go up in the hills and hunt rabbits, and that's how we got our meat. So life was not easy. You had to watch. We had a wonderful grocery man here and he would let us charge groceries. But you knew eventually they all had to be paid for. There was no room for luxuries. But in those days, you all visited and kept each other company. None of us had more than the other. None of us thought it was hard. It was just a way of life.”

Joyce Avramenko,
East Coulie





*Peter Lougheed attempts to defend
anti-labour legislation
(Bill 35) during massive union protest 1973.
Provincial Archives of Alberta.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<i>International Workers Day</i> 1		<i>Full Moon</i> 2	3	4	5
	1830 Mary Harris Jones (Mother Jones) born 1917 Civic Employees Federal Union No. 30 granted charter 1923 Edmonton workers rally to support striking Edmonton coal miners		2002 Edmonton United Food and Commercial Workers Local 401 strike begins	1886 Workers demonstrating in Chicago for the eight-hour day are attacked by police on Haymarket Square	1818 Karl Marx born in Trier, Germany 1903 First issue of Alberta's labour newspaper, <i>Bond of Brotherhood</i> , appears in Calgary	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1968 French students and workers revolt in Paris						
<i>Mother's Day</i> 13	14	15	<i>New Moon</i> 16	17	18	19
1771 Labour reformer Robert Owen born in Newton, Wales	1903 International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen grants charter to Local 1 in Edmonton 1919 Winnipeg General Strike begins					
20	<i>Victoria Day</i> 21	22	23	24	25	26
			1919 Drumheller coalminers begin strike, demanding recognition of the One Big Union as their bargaining agent 1921 Trial of Italian-American anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti begins	1905 Calgary Trades and Labour Council granted charter	1919 Workers in Edmonton and Calgary begin general strikes in show of solidarity with Winnipeg General Strike	
27	28	29	30	31		
1871 Paris Commune crushed with 25,000 killed 1919 Eight thousand miners in District 18 join sympathy strike with Winnipeg workers						

May

“My husband was killed back in ‘53 in McGillivray Mine. There were three men killed at the time. They were killed by a bump. That’s when the floor rises. At the time my husband was mining in a place that was low... so when the bump came, it just broke his neck and that was it. So I was left a widow at 32. I got compensation, \$175 a month for six of us... When the girls got old enough to go to school, then I’d go out and work a bit. A little bit here, a little bit there... After I got all my kids through university I went back to school myself. I went to Lethbridge College when I was 52 years old. But it was worth it.”

Pauline Griegle
Crowsnest Pass



Logger Noel Lapierre at work near Hinton c.1970

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <i>Full Moon</i>	2
				1986 "The Battle of 66th Street" United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 280P begin six-month strike at Gainers meatpacking plant 1986 UFCW workers at Fletchers in Red Deer begin strike		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		1902 United Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners granted charter for Local 1055 in Calgary	1935 The On-to-Ottawa Trek reaches Calgary from Vancouver			
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>New Moon</i>	16
1872 Trade unions provided first recognition in Canadian law but severe restrictions force most of them to forego registering			1912 First convention of newly-formed Alberta Federation of Labour begins in Lethbridge			
<i>Father's Day</i> 17	18	19	20	21 <i>1st Day of Summer</i>	22	23
	1914 Hillcrest mining disaster leaves 189 dead, the worst mining disaster in Alberta's history 2002 Alberta Teachers Association reaches deal that ends dispute with the Conservative government		1919 "Bloody Saturday" — police repression of workers in Winnipeg General Strike results in two deaths			
<i>St. Jean Baptiste Day</i> 24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Full Moon</i>
		1869 Emma Goldman, famous anarchist-feminist, born in Kovno (now Kaunas), Lithuania	1926 Six Labour members win seats in Alberta provincial election		1919 Government raids unions across Canada, enforc- ing new "sedition" legislation meant to restrict unionism and fend off socialism	

June

"I am in favor of unions. The people that I know have worked and done the same job I've done for all their working career, and they've worked for private owned contractors and they're the same age as I am. The only difference is they haven't got a pension. I got a pension, they haven't. And it's a hell of a big difference as far as I'm concerned. You have a pension cheque or you don't have one. You're gonna live on CPP and old age pension and you're gonna pay your own health care and everything else like I do too. But I've got my pension to help me with that. The guy over there did the same thing I did all these years, and he doesn't have it. He should've had it. They fought hard to keep the union out and they won... Then they wish the hell they'd have let them in and had a pension. It's too late now, buddy. All you can do is tell the young guys, join the union because you're going to end up like us old guys too. We're all going to end up white hair and old one day."
Bill Sommerfeld,
Hinton



UFCW Local 280-P members and supporters are arrested after they link arms to prevent scab labour from entering Gainers plant on the first day of strike, 1986.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Canada Day</i> 1919 A mass arrest of One Big Union members is coordinated by federal government 1935 On to Ottawa Trek violently repressed by RCMP in Regina 1968 Federal Government establishes universal, comprehensive, public medical health insurance	2 1968 Canadian Union of Public Employees 474 in Edmonton is granted a charter 1980 AUPE "wildcat strike" at Alberta Liquor Control Board	3 1977 2,500 Alberta nurses begin legal strike at seven Alberta hospitals 2000 After eight months of a bitter first contract fight, Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Local 115A strikers lose fight for a union contract at the Calgary Herald	4	5	6 1949 International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local 720 charter issued	7
8 1918 Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union organizes two hotels and six restaurants after Calgary Trades and Labour Council threatens strike 1953 Sheet Metal Workers Local 558 formed in Lethbridge	9	10 1997 United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1118, meatpackers at the High River, Alberta plant go on strike	11 1961 Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America Local 583 strike Calgary Transit July 11 to August 22	12	13 1912 Woody Guthrie born in Okemah, Oklahoma	14 <i>New Moon</i>
15	16 1936 Spanish Civil War begins	17 1921 United Farmers of Alberta government is elected; four Labour members are also elected	18	19 1933 The first national convention of the CCF adopts the Regina Manifesto, pledging a socialist transformation of Canada	20 1966 Canada Packers strike by United Packinghouse Workers of America	21
22	23	24	25	26 1948 Canadian Air Line Flight Attendants Association (CALFAA) is certified	27 1997 Canadian Auto Workers Local 4050 go on strike against Marriott Food Services, Michener Center, Red Deer	28
29	30 <i>Full Moon</i>	31				

July

"In the latter part of 1938 I got a job there. You'd go down there to get a job, and 66th street was all cinders. That building across from the parking lot was the general office. It was where the cars are parked now. They moved it across...So you went out there and waited in the morning so you could get a job. You couldn't get through for people waiting for work. Dave Cotton would come out. He was the personnel manager. He'd come out and feel your muscle and back and neck. He'd turn some away, those poor skinny guys flexing their muscles. They had no muscles. Times were tough. He'd say ok you come on, not you... Take you in there and put you to work. Some guy they didn't like they'd call him in and tell him, we have to let you go because we have to cut down on the staff. He'd let you go and put another man in your place."

George Kozak,
Edmonton



Women aircraft mechanics during the second world war Edmonton.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
		1906 Edmonton Trades and Labour Council granted charter 1918 Workmen's Compensation Act becomes effective for the coal mining industry. Trade union pressure led to passage of the Act and later its extension to most other industries	1932 The CCF is founded in Calgary by labour, farmer and socialist parties, along with one union, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees 1944 A federal bill establishing family allowances passes in the House of Commons	1997 United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1118 settles strike		1908 Two-month national rail strike of CPR shop and yard workers begins
5	Civic Holiday 6	7	8	9	10	11
	1981 Wardair locks out its 700 flight attendants for 13 weeks, with the company using scabs and a strikebreaking security firm	1940 The Unemployment Insurance Act receives royal assent. Labour had fought a long battle for a federal program of UI				
New Moon 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1905 Formation of the first Medicine Hat Trades and Labour Council	2005 Alberta Federation of Labour declares August 20 Farmworker Day in memory of Terry Rash and in solidarity with the struggle of farmworkers to achieve dignity and respect		1911 Amalgamated Transit Union 569 granted charter 1961 Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America Local 583 Calgary Transit strike ends			
26	27	Full Moon 28	29	30	31	
			1980 Solidarnosc founded in Gdansk, Poland			

“ You felt you were a part of something. You were building a better society in a better world. There was real hope for the world after the Second World War. Even with the Cold War on, you felt that through the trade union movement, we can build a better society for the working people and represent even the non-trade union people in the society. We could bring about better working conditions, wages, and what-not. Better legislation, and through that Medicare, pensions, you name it. In fact, be able to have a small portion of heaven here instead of supposedly somebody promising way up above. Not that I personally believe in pie-in-the-sky type of thing.”

Bill Danyk,
Edmonton

August



*Labour sponsored unemployed march 1971,
Provincial Archives of Alberta.*

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1905 Alberta becomes a province

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1907 More than half of Calgary's population attends Labour Day parade organized by the Calgary Trades and Labour Council

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Labour Day

2004 First IWW World North American General Assembly in Alberta begins in Edmonton

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1920 *Edmonton Free Press* becomes *Alberta Labour News*; serves as official paper for AFL

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1946 Alberta Farmers Union begins 30-day strike demanding minimum fixed price for wheat

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1886 Alberta's first union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is founded in Medicine Hat

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1904 Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 488 receives first charter: largest plumbers and pipefitters local in Canada and one of the largest in North America

New Moon

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1956 Convention begins in Edmonton leading to the merger of the Alberta Federation of Labour and the Industrial Federation of Labour of Alberta

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2003 CEP Local, 1900 walk out in Edmonton in effort to ratify first contract with A-Channel

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1st. Day of Autumn

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1963 Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is formed by a merger of National Union of Public Employees and National Union of Public Service Employees

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1918 Borden government outlaws publications and meetings in 14 languages. Canada's radical and labour press are key targets
2003 Levi Strauss announces closure of Edmonton's GWG plant founded in 1911

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Full Moon

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1912 IWW organizes a strike of 250 Edmonton sewer construction workers

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1918 Borden government bans 14 organizations, including IWW, Social Democratic Party, Chinese Labour Association and Ukrainian Social Democratic Party

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September

“Why are you willing to keep on with the strike?...For me, there are a lot of reasons. For me, I want to...maybe I want to eliminate slavery, racism and discrimination in this land, Canada. For me, Canada is a model country. It's a modern country. It should be a model in this world. We want to show to them, to all who don't believe in slavery and believe in respect and dignity. We will show to them that we can do this one. We can change the world. We can change Canada. No more slavery, no more racism, no more discrimination. We are all equal...The owners don't want a union. Union for me is all fairness, and union is equality, respect and dignity. That's all we want. Nobody can stop that, with the union organized.”

Manny Lacson,
Brooks



*Carpentry crew building home 1917,
Provincial Archives of Alberta*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1920 One Big Union miners begin province-wide strike. Government passes Order-in-Council for miners to accept UMWA as their official representative 1948 International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955 granted charter		1918 Amalgamated Meatcutters Union formed in Edmonton			1958 Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 379 chartered in Calgary
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	1919 Alberta Teachers Alliance holds province's first teachers' strike			1918 Unionists in Calgary stage sympathy strike with Calgary freight handlers 1975 Grace Hartman becomes CUPE president, the first woman president of a major union in North America		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1976 Canadian Labour Congress holds national day of protest against the Trudeau government's wage-control policy	1919 Alberta Teachers Alliance strike resolved		1865 Delegates meet and form the National Bricklayers Union			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1999 Founding meeting of Alberta Labour History Institute at southside Rosie's, Edmonton					Full Moon	
Daylight-Savings Ends 28	29	30	31			
	1737 Thomas Paine, Anglo-American revolutionary writer, born in Thetford in Norfolk, England					

October

“In about 1959 or ‘60 we became part of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers. It was my first experience with a union, although there had been an organization, a company captive union called The Employee Relations Organization, which was a joke if there ever was one...I got my labor training at Northwest Nitro Chemicals, partly because the company was treating us in Medicine Hat much like they might have treated the blacks in the United States, except that they had to use a bit more trickery. They couldn't hang us if we didn't follow the party line. So I got my training there and I became a very dedicated union person.”

Ted Grimm,
Medicine Hat



*CUPW workers on national strike 1978,
Provincial Archives of Alberta*

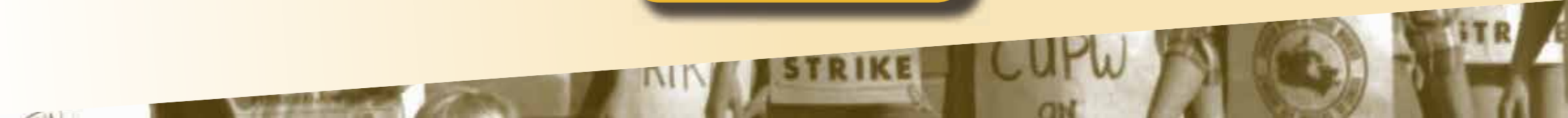


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			1934 Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance Local 371 re-chartered to become Local 271, Edmonton			
4	5	6	7	8	New Moon 9	10
			1999 Members of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers of Canada Local 115A and the Graphic Communications International Union Local 34M at the Calgary Herald walk off their jobs after seeking a first contract for more than a year			
Remembrance Day 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1902 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America granted charter as Local 1325 Edmonton, the oldest construction union still operating under its original charter in Alberta		1995 CUPE Local 8 laundry workers in Calgary engage in illegal strike to stop contracting out. Strike spreads to all major hospitals; members from other unions, including Alberta Union of Public Employees, walk out			1997 Maple Leaf pork plant (formerly Gainers) workers strike despite company threat to close plant if workers strike	
18	19	20	21	22	23	Full Moon 24
			2002 Edmonton Shaw Conference Centre workers UFCW Local 401 strike ends with workers winning first contract		1995 CUPE Local 8 and Local 12 hospital laundry workers' illegal strike in Calgary ends with moratorium on contracting out	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	1992 Canadian Paperworkers Union, Communications Workers of Canada, and the Energy and Chemical Workers Union merge to create Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union (CEP)					

November

“Being aboriginal, I believe there was prejudice in our workplace. Not so much with the people you work with, but with the people who manage the workers and their favoritism. The union keeps that equal and makes sure it’s fair and just. I remember I’d come into work and I always did the dirtiest job. I’m not saying it’s because I’m aboriginal, I’m just saying it happened over and over again. I talked to Brian Campbell about it. I said to Brian, watch. I didn’t want him to do anything, just watch what I get again tomorrow. And that’s what we did. Brian did that, watched. Finally he said, enough is enough. But he had to have the proof because if you said anything they’d say, oh no that doesn’t happen, he just happened to be on that job today. But it happened over and over again. That’s the management part. So the union has fixed that over at Sun-cor. That’s changed.”

Jim Cardinal,
Fort McMurray





Some fun on the Amalgamated Transit Workers picket-line Edmonton 1973, Alberta Provincial Archives.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			1921 William Irvine of Calgary wins first federal labour seat in Alberta for Canadian Labour Party	1896 International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers is issued a charter by the American Federation of Labor		
New Moon 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1869 Knights of Labor founded 1910 Bellevue Mine disaster, resulting from poor maintenance of the mine, claims lives of 31 miners in explosion	1886 American Federation of Labor founded		1883 Railway engineers and firemen in Calgary strike against wage cuts			
16	17	18	19	20	21	Ist. Day of Winter 22
		1944 Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1374 chartered in Calgary		1932 Edmonton Hunger March is ended by police violence with over 100 arrested		
23	Full Moon 24	Christmas Day 25	Boxing Day 26	27	28	29
	1904 United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 496, Calgary granted charter					
30	New Year's Eve 31					
1886 Knights of Labor establish first Alberta base with an assembly in Calgary						

December

"It was during that period of time that I got turned on to the labour movement. One of my coworkers, who was a draftsman, was laid off by our boss. This was after he had just hired two new people. Both of the new people he hired were both going to be involved doing drafting. Yet he laid off the full time draftsman saying there wasn't enough work for him. There were two CUPE reps that came to process his grievance. One was Harley Horne and the other Art Roberts. When I saw how Art Roberts and Harley Horne were able to take an unjust situation, turn it around and win the person his job back, I was very impressed. At about that time I decided to move out of the office and take up employment in the outside. I switched then from Local 38 to Local 37's jurisdiction. The first job I did was volunteer to become the shop steward in the traffic department outside shop."

Clarence Lacombe,
Calgary

The Alberta Labour History Institute 2006 Year In Review



The Alberta Centennial Labour History Website Project

The past year has been the most ambitious and most rewarding for ALHI. The committee undertook its largest project to date, the Centennial Labour History Web Site Project. With a grant from Heritage Canada and generous funding from Athabasca University the committee was able to travel to and collect oral history and artifacts from many areas of the province that we had previously not been able to reach. A huge effort resulted in a website which we think will allow us to expand our reach and enable us to share incredible stories and facts about Alberta labour history. Since its launch a few short months ago, the ALHI website has had hundreds of thousands of hits from around the world. We feel it is a unique and needed resource provincially and nationally. Please visit the website and tell us what you think, or let us know about a story or event we should be aware of.

www.labourhistory.ca

Then, now & next



100 Years of Edmonton Labour

Edmonton Labour Centennial Book Project

The second major project of 2006 was our centennial book project; *Then Now and Next, 100 Years of Edmonton Labour*. This project was initiated by a joint committee of the Edmonton & District Labour Council (EDLC) and the Northern Alberta & NWT Building and Construction Trades Council. Additional research funding was provided by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. The book celebrates the founding of the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council in 1906 and brings together stories, facts and photographs to portray the diverse history of Edmonton labour. The book was very well received and hundreds of copies were distributed to EDLC and Building Trades members. We will also be distributing copies to public libraries in the Edmonton area.

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