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## **Labour Day 2012**

Labour Day roots can be traced back to 1872 when over 10,000 people came together in Toronto to protest the arrest of (24) leaders of the Toronto Typographical Union for striking to campaign for nine – hour work days. At that time, trade unions were still illegal and striking was seen as a criminal conspiracy to disrupt trade. That day led to the passing of the Trade Union Act which legalized Trade Unions in Canada and in 1894 Labour Day became an official holiday for workers to enjoy with their families.

Since that time Boilermakers have organized into a Union that reaches across North American. This has allowed Boilermakers to connect in a positive fashion by creating the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers on September 1, 1893. Learn more about your union by viewing the video - *A History of Moving Forward*.

One of the responsibilities we were left with was to leave the union in better shape than how we found it. As previously mentioned there were many challenges to unions in the beginning and still today we face big hurdles to find enough qualified people to fill the work orders in the Construction & Industrial Sector Operations Divisions. If you know someone that has the qualifications to fill in positions across Canada have them apply for membership on [www.boilermaker.ca](http://www.boilermaker.ca)

As the International Vice-Presidents of the Western and Eastern Canadian Sections of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers we wish a safe and enjoyable Labour Day weekend to all members and their families. To the Boilermaker who is either travelling to work or is working this Labour Day weekend please be safe in whatever you are doing.

