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UNION MERGER FINALIZED

The two largest labour unions in the North American pulp and paper industry have merged to form the United Paperworkers International Union with a membership of more than 350,000, more than 50,000 in Canada.

The merger was formalized in Denver Colorado at the founding convention of the UPIU, following ratification of merger documents by separate conventions of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers and the United Papermakers and Paperworkers.

Joseph P. Tonelli, incumbent President of the IBPS and PMW and the first President of the new UPIU told the 2,200 delegates, more than 300 of them from Canada, that "we can go forward together and not be concerned about competing with each other as we have in the past."

Mr. Tonelli said it was a great accomplishment that the merger had been achieved in these times when society is torn with division "between young and old, rich and poor, and racial and ethnic groups".

L.H. Lorrain, of Montreal, is the union's new Executive Vice-President and Canadian Director. He is the incumbent First Vice-President and Canadian Director of the IBPS and PMW.

Mr. Lorrain, 52, is a General Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress, and was Chairman of the Unity Committee named six years ago by the two unions to bring about the merger.

William Dodge, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Labour Congress welcomed the merger on behalf of the Canadian labour movement and said that the

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ROMAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS, LODGERS GET SCHOOL BOARD VOTING OPTION

Roman Catholic electors who are neither property owners nor tenants have the choice of being enumerated as public or separate school board electors for the first time this year.

Revenue Minister, Allan Grossman said that recent Ontario Legislation shifted the basis of local electoral status from the traditional property qualifications of ownership or tenancy to a new system based upon residency.

"This means non-property owning and non-tenant Roman Catholics, such as spouses, students and boarders, as well as Priests and Nuns, can now vote in Separate School Board elections if they so choose," the Minister said.

Regarding Roman Catholic property owners and tenants, Mr. Grossman said they have always had the choice of directing the education portion of property taxes to either the public or separate school system. "This decision determined their school board voting status and will continue," he added.

Mr. Grossman said that the expansion of voting rights means, for example, that a Roman Catholic son or daughter who lives at home, is 18 years or older, and is a Canadian citizen or British subject can vote for either the public or separate school board irrespective of how the parents direct their education taxes.

Mr. Grossman said that when enumerators, employed by the assessment division in his Ministry, visit properties during September they will identify and record Roman Catholics who wish to support the Separate School system.

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