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Poverty the focus of workers' parade

Many families living on less than \$30,000 a year, union leader says

BY MITCHELL BROWN
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Deciding how to spend the last long weekend of the summer is hardly ever a problem for Gerry Harrison.

"I'm sure my wife and my family would have something lined up for me," he said, chuckling.

But instead of kicking back at the cottage or back deck, the president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (district 16) and some of his local members will spend tomorrow taking part in the annual Labour Day Parade in Toronto.

"I think it's a celebration of the labour movement in Canada and it's an awareness that there are still a lot of issues that labour believes in," he said from his Newmarket office.

"Labour does a lot of good things in this community and this is a time to get together, not to say what's wrong with government but to celebrate labour."

The theme of this year's march, which will take participants from Queen Street and University Avenue to the CNE gates at Dufferin Street, is "A Million Reasons To Take Action," a reference, John Cartwright said, to the 1 million Toronto-area workers earning less than \$29,800 a year, the low-income cut off rate for a family of four.

"Profits are now at the highest level in Canadian history but we have a million GTA workers in key sectors of the economy whose work is undervalued and underpaid," the Toronto & York

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Region Labour Council president said, adding 85 per cent of these workers are full-time.

"These people are contributing to society, yet their work is not rewarding them with the wages and benefits they need for a decent quality of life. It's up to all of us—governments, employers and unions—to ensure that working families can keep their head above water."

Along with addressing wages, Mr. Cartwright said the parade will also highlight the need for employment insurance reform, the federal deal for cities and the need for the province to restore labour laws rescinded by previous governments.

"It was unions that put a stop to the sweatshops of the past. Now in the Toronto region today, we have upwards to a million workers earning well below the low-income cut-off for a family of four," he said.

"Building strong unions has always been the key to raising the standard of living for their families and their communities, but we can't do that under current labour laws."

About 30 per cent of Canadians belong to a union today, down from 40 per cent in 1983.

Attendance at the parade is expected to number in the thousands, which shouldn't surprise anyone acquainted with the history of the labour movement in the Toronto area. In fact, there's strong evidence to suggest Labour Day itself had its roots in the 19th-century working men and women of this region.

The Toronto Trades Assembly organized the first North American "workingman's demonstration" on April 15, 1872, an event at which 10,000 Torontonians turned out to see the parade and listen to speeches calling for the abolition of laws against trade unions.

In July 1882, the Toronto Trades and Labour Council, the TTA's successor, organized the first of its annual parades, including visiting American Peter McGuire among its invited speakers. Mr. McGuire, who was co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, returned to the United States to argue the need for an annual holiday to honour workers there.

Since then, the day has been seen as a time to celebrate the economic and social achievements of the labour movement, but more often as the unofficial end of summer, one last chance for to get in some summertime fun before heading back to work or school Tuesday.

This year's Labour Day Parade will start at 10 a.m. at Queen Street and University Avenue, near Queen's Park.

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