

MY UNION

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me to attend the Canadian Labour Congress Convention in Toronto on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Attendance was 1,500 to 2,000 people. Here are a few things that might be of interest.

THE UNION ADVANTAGE

Good jobs, better lives, unions stand up for fairness! Unions are not all about ME, it's also about what I can do for my union.

Quote: 127 years ago, the Government tried to spread the news there was no need for Unions.

In 2013, the Harper Government is saying exactly the same thing. Look for example what he is doing to the CN workers and Postal Workers. By taking away Collective Bargaining, NEVER IN HISTORY, has the Canadian Labour Movement been under such an attack. Without Collective Bargaining, Unions Die, our children are not able to find half decent jobs with Pensions and Benefits and move back home. What do you think and what can we do about it?

Minimum wage at \$10.00 an hour won't put our children in College or University. Everybody has a right for a fair wage. I worked with the average guy who all he thinks about is "Thank God It's Friday". I pick up

my paycheque and head off for the weekend camping with the wife and children, and then back to work on Monday, rested and ready to go! Harper is that too much to ask for?

Politics: Tommy Douglas says we are like mice so we should vote for mice to look after our interest. Harper is a fat cat. They are fat because they eat the mice. Which reminds me, one politician said to Tommy I could eat you alive in an election. Tommy said, "If you eat me you are going to have one hell of a stomach ache".

1. First we have to get Thomas Muclair elected to replace Harper. (2015)
2. We have to fight smart, unions all over the world will agree.

With the help of the New Democratic Party, working people have power when we stand together!

We can achieve:

- Automatic Certification
- First Contract Legislation
- Anti-Scab Legislation
- Multic Employer Certifications and Sectoral Bargaining



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Note: The next CLC Convention will be held in Montreal from

May 5th to 9th, 2014