CONTENTS

Introduction viii

Part I: Aboriginal Peoples and Class Formation, 1750-1900 1
1 Unfair Masters and Rascally Servants? Labour Relations Among Bourgeois, Clerks, and Voyageurs in the Montreal Fur Trade, 1780–1821 4
   Carolyn Podruchny
2 After the Fur Trade: The Aboriginal Labouring Class of British Columbia, 1849–1890 17
   John Lutz

Part II: Immigrant Settlers and the Tensions of Class Formation 35
3 From Haute Cuisine to Ox Roasts: Public Feasting and the Negotiation of Class in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Saint John and Halifax 38
   Bonnie Huskins
4 Class Conflict on the Canals of Upper Canada in the 1840s 50
   Ruth Bleasdale

5 Gender at Work at Home: Family Decisions, the Labour Market, and Girls’ Contributions to the Family Economy 71
   Bettina Bradbury
6 ‘The Other Side’: The Rhetoric of Labour Reform 87
   Christina Burr
7 The Bonds of Unity: The Knights of Labor in Ontario, 1880–1900 98
   Gregory S. Kealey and Bryan D. Palmer
Part IV: Radicals and Union Struggles in Industrializing Canada, 1900–1925 121

8 Monopoly Capitalism and the Rise of Syndicalism: Rallying Round the Standard in British Columbia 125
  Mark Leier

9 The Workers’ Revolt, 1917–1925 138
  Craig Heron

10 The Plight of the Working Girl 158
  Janice Newton

Part V: Capitalist Canada Consolidated and the Weight of Special Oppression, 1880–1939 171

11 North of the Colour Line: Sleeping Car Porters and the Battle Against Jim Crow on Canadian Rails, 1880–1920 176
  Sarah-Jane (Saje) Mathieu

12 ‘The best men that ever worked the lumber’: Aboriginal Longshoremen on Burrard Inlet, BC, 1863–1939 191
  Andrew Parnaby

Part VI: The Depression Decade 205

13 ‘Starve, Be Damned!’: Communists and Canada’s Urban Unemployed, 1929–1939 210
  John Manley

14 Working for Pay and Managing the Household Finances 223
  Denyse Baillargeon


15 The Softball Solution: Female Workers, Male Managers, and the Operation of Paternalism at Westclox, 1923–1960 246
  Joan Sangster

16 Race, Employment Discrimination, and State Complicity in Wartime Canada, 1939–1945 264
  Carmela Patrias

17 Teamwork for Harmony: Labour–Management Production Committees and the Post-War Settlement in Canada 284
  Peter S. McInnis
Part VIII: Managing the Marginal 301
18 Managing the Marginal: Regulating and Negotiating Decency in Vancouver's Beer Parlours, 1925–1954 304 Robert A. Campbell
19 Bumping and Grinding on the Line: Making Nudity Pay 316 Becki L. Ross

Part IX: The Changing Face of Class Struggle in the Post-War Period 329
20 Becoming 'Union-Wise', 1950–1963 333 Pamela Sugiman
21 Parents, Pupils, and the Montreal Teachers' Strike of 1949 347 Magdalena Fahrni
22 Trade Unions and the Welfare State in Canada, 1945–1990 356 Alvin Finkel

Part X: The 1960s and Legacies of Conflict 369
23 Wildcat Workers in the 1960s: The Unruly Face of Class Struggle 373 Bryan D. Palmer
24 'Rapprocher les lieux du pouvoir': The Québec Labour Movement and Québec Sovereigntism, 1960–2000 394 Ralph P. Güntzel
25 From 'Mothers of the Nation' to Migrant Workers: Immigration Policies and Domestic Workers in Canada 409 Sedef Arat-Koç

Part XI: The State of the Unions 425
26 Towards Permanent Exceptionalism: Coercion and Consent in Canadian Industrial Relations 429 Leo Panitch and Donald Swartz
27 Neoliberalism and Working-Class Resistance in British Columbia: The Hospital Employees' Union Struggle, 2002–2004 444 David Camfield
28 Race, Class, Gender, and the Making of Difference: The Social Organization of 'Migrant Workers' in Canada 460 Nandita Rani Sharma

Acknowledgements 470