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THE ORIGINS OF THE IRISH BANK OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION CAN BE TRACED TO A MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 1917 IN THE GLENTWORTH HOTEL, LIMERICK.

support from bank clerks.

Demands for wage increases were put before the private banks but the employers refused to recognise the association, let alone negotiate with it. Frustrated with the lack of progress the I.B.O.A. balloted its members in November 1919 over a proposal that strike action should be taken.

According to an I.B.O.A. press statement which gave the results of the ballot, 'only 91 votes were given against the motion out of a total of 2,177. (The Irish Cl...'

VICTORY

In the space of two years circumstances had transformed bank officials from being loyal, passive, unorganised employees into lions willing to challenge the private banking system. Faced with the completely unprecedented militancy of bank officials, and growing public disquiet over the prospects of a long drawn out bank strike, the bank directors were forced to back down and recognise the I.B.O.A. and accept Government