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PEACEFUL MAY DAY IN LONDON NO LABOR TROUBLES IN SIGHT

All Branches Report
Business To Be Most
Satisfactory.

PROSPECTS ARE GROWING BRIGHTER

Demand From the West for Goods
Is Improving Conditions
in This City.

May Day this year will find things moving satisfactorily in London, and there is not the slightest indication of strikes or labor troubles of any sort.

Manufacturers, merchants, bankers, transportation officials, builders and others interviewed by The Advertiser today all tell of resumed activity, but not necessarily of the boom variety, but a steady and increasingly noticeable volume of business, which shows every indication of continuing throughout the season, and making the year one of general prosperity.

All the varied interests throughout the city and district tell the same story in different terms, but it all spells "Prosperity."

Railway earnings are daily gaining in volume, and for weeks have shown substantial gains over those of the same period a year ago.

Not a wholesale house in the city but has more orders on its books and has already done a much larger business than it did a year ago.

Real estate men say business is brisk, sales being good and land is showing a steady increase in value.

City Going Ahead.

That the city is steadily growing is shown by the large number of new surveys being opened up in the many fine residences being built in every district. Merchants say they are doing better and collections are reported most satisfactory.

Bank clearings show up most favorably when compared with those of the two preceding years.

Reports from the district around London show that the farmers are very busy, and are looking for a splendid year. In many localities the seeding is going on steadily, and will soon be completed. In the northern districts many of the farmers are waiting for warmer weather before they go on with the work, but all are busy and look for as fine a crop as they have ever had.

According to bankers and wholesale houses, the country merchants are in splendid shape, and are not only buying well, but are meeting all collections promptly.

West Is Booming.

The influx of new settlers into the Canadian west is rapidly making itself felt in manufacturing lines, and many of London's largest shops have shipped practically all the stock they have manufactured during the winter months and are making preparations to manufacture more as speedily as possible. This is particularly true in regard to such articles as stoves and machinery, and many lines of farming implements.

The banks report that funds are available for all legitimate business propositions, and it is one of the most favorable features of the whole general situation that the banks take such a cheerful view of the prospects.

The Export Trade.

A noticeable feature in connection with the export trade in butter, cheese, eggs, and poultry, is that the home consumption of these products, particularly in the west, has grown to such an extent that practically none will go going to England or the European markets.

This is an important and encouraging feature as London is the centre of one of the richest agricultural districts in the Dominion, and a large distributor to all parts of the country.

Following are the statements made to The Advertiser by a few of those interviewed:

McClary Manufacturing Company—"We are very busy and are working on our west orders only an hour at noon. We are sending large shipments of goods to the western markets, and trade in all parts of Dominion is improving. We expect a very busy season."

Grand Trunk Freight Department—"Both freight and passenger business is good and we expect it to continue so throughout the season."

Cook-Fitzgerald—"We are working full time and have enough orders ahead now to keep us busy for six months. We find business good in all parts of the country, and especially so in the west."

Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company—"We have just completed alterations by which our capacity is doubled and find business very good. Orders from the west are large, and business conditions there are most satisfactory."

Robinson, Little—"We find business very good indeed. Merchants all through the country are buying steadily and fall orders are coming in to come in already. We find collections very good and expect business conditions to continue prosperous throughout the season."

John McNeen—"The somewhat unreasonable weather has had the effect of delaying trade in our line. This is noticeable in the western markets particularly. We expect, however, with the return of warm weather that business will improve."

Landon Foundry Company—"We are adding to our staff continually, and are working full time. Business is brisk, and we expect it to continue so."

Mr. A. E. Silverwood, manager of Flavelles—"At the present time we are handling eggs principally, and

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BILL MINER BOARDED AT WOODSTOCK HOUSE

And an Ottawa Report Says He's
Now Hiding Near
Capital.

Ottawa, April 27.—David McNab, of 12 Redpath street, this city, who declares that he is a relative of Bill Miner, the notorious desperado, who escaped from a British Columbia penitentiary, says that the outlaw is now in hiding close to the capital. He says he knows the spot, and if assured of the government reward will take the police there. McNab declares that Miner, greatly excited, called at his place on April 17, but remained only a few minutes. He appeared to have plenty of money and was well dressed. McNab says he knows how Miner escaped and declares that it is quite likely that he has been hiding in Oxford County, near Woodstock.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, April 28.—Bill Miner, the escaped outlaw, spent several days in Woodstock jail last fall, stopping at a well-known boarding-house, and afterwards spent a few weeks at the home of a farmer near Norwich. When he left the latter's place he took along with him \$25 of the farmer's money and has not been heard of since.

A stranger went to the boarding-house on Monday and wanted room and board. He was particularly anxious to get a room that opened outdoors, and he was accommodated. He stayed several days, remaining mostly by himself, and then left suddenly, some of his clothes being still at the house. He appeared to have plenty of money. No suspicion was entertained at the time that he was the noted criminal, but later his picture was published, and then members of the family were confident they had harbored Miner. Various circumstances of his visit sustaining them in this belief. Apparently directly after leaving Woodstock he hired with a farmer at Norwich. After working a few days and getting into the good graces of the family, Miner got \$25, saying he desired it for new clothes. He set out for the village store and never returned. Miner, it is said, has relatives in Oxford County.

Georgian Bay Canal
CAN'T BE BUILT NOW

Premier Says That the Govern-
ment Has Too Many Heavy
Undertakings on Hand.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, April 28.—A delegation interested in the construction of the Georgian Bay Canal which yesterday passed a resolution favoring the construction of the canal by the Government or by a private company if the Government was not willing to go on with the undertaking, waited on the Prime Minister and Hon. Dr. Fugatey this morning and presented their request. The delegation was interviewed and a motion in favor of Government aid to the enterprise was made by Mr. H. B. McGovern, and the question was referred to the committee on the subject.

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Guests of The Advertiser.

Any or all of the contestants in The Advertiser's Free Trip to Europe contest residing in the city are invited to be present at the lecture to be delivered in the Grand Opera House Friday and Saturday. Arrangements have been made with Manager McLeish whereby some of the best seats in the house have been reserved for the contestants, who will be The Advertiser's guests on this occasion. Mr. R. C. Knowles is one of the most delightful lecturers that can well be imagined, and those who miss the opportunity of listening to him will long regret it. Especially should the contestants in the free trip take advantage of the opportunity, as some of them will have the opportunity of seeing many of the places that Mr. Knowles describes so humorously, and this very fact will serve to increase their appreciation of the places visited.

Remember, the city candidates are to be The Advertiser's guests on this occasion.

ABDUL TAKEN TO SALONIKI

To Be Tried for Treason But Is
Not Likely to Lose His
Head.

SULTAN STARTS WELL

In Statement for the Public Declares
Himself in Favor of All Pro-
gressive Methods.

Constantinople, April 28.—Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan of Turkey, left the capital last night for Saloniki. He is accompanied by eleven women of his harem.

He was conveyed quietly under the cover of darkness from the Imperial palace at Yildiz to the railroad station in Saloniki. Shortly after he was installed on board the train pulled out for the west.

An increase has been under consideration for some time, but no agreement has been arrived at, and now, unfortunately for the bakers, and fortunately for the consumers, the excuse for such action has been removed.

Handwritten, April 28.—The jurors in the Kinrade case have been kicking about long hours and it was announced this morning that their fees would likely be doubled.

No further information has been given out about the evidence discovered at the Kinrade home on Monday afternoon. Provincial Detective Rogers, Detective Pender, this morning, man, and Detective Coulter were the three officers who paid the visit to the house, but they are not saying what they found. It is understood, however, that they secured evidence which will tend to corroborate reports received from the neighborhood and it is expected that there will be sensational developments when their find is made public at the inquest.

Crown Attorney Washington says that some sections of the press, by printing sensational reports about the case, have done an incalculable injury to the chances of the detectives in finding witnesses, and he thinks that the outcome of the case should be the passing of an act of Parliament which would prevent persons paying anything about such cases until the trial at the high court, even rescinding the inquest and police court proceedings.

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NO EXCUSE NOW TO RAISE THE PRICE

The Corner in Wheat Has Been
Broken and Bread Will
Not Likely Advance.

Now that the corner in wheat in the Chicago market has been broken, the price of flour will doubtless return to the normal again, and the bakers will have no excuse for increasing the price of bread. There will be one thing at least that the long-suffering house-keeper will not have to pay extra for.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES SWING THE AXE

Music Master and the Relieving
Principal May Be Disposed
With
THE KINDERGARTEN, TOO

Move Made to Require the Teachers to
Work in the Morning as Well as
in the Afternoon.

The campaign for retrenchment on the part of the board of education commenced last evening, and although nothing definite was done, some radical changes in the staff of the kindergarten, which should result in the saving of considerable money to the citizens.

Incidentally, the session was a very busy one, several sharp fights, during two shifts, thereby cutting the staff in two, and also the removal of all dead-wood from the teaching staff.

Manual Training.

Mr. Leake was called upon to give his opinion of the effect of manual training on the public school curriculum. He stated that it was altogether beneficial. Wherever it had been tested, the results were highly satisfactory, and the pupils were benefited greatly by it. In some cities, the pupils were transferred to a certain centre, sometimes a distance of two miles. This caused a loss of time. The better way was to have the teachers move around, thereby saving the time of the pupils. In Ottawa there were 12 centres for manual training, and the reports from the teachers in that city were extremely good. The boys were much brighter for the course. Manual training taught the boys arithmetic in a practical manner, and gave them also some idea of nature study. The boys who takes manual training does not lose in academic training, and gains in practical work. In Ottawa there are four teachers for the thirteen centres, and they do highly satisfactory work. The three centres in London should pay this back in five years, and also give \$850 annually to each centre in addition, providing 20 per cent of the teachers' salary over \$600. The running expenses were about 30 cents per annum a boy, not very expensive.

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