

In The World Of Labor

A Budget of News For Those Interested in Labor
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Gleaned From the Exchanges and Other Sources

LABOR CONDITIONS DURING SEPTEMBER IN BRANTFORD

General Summary

Industrial and labour conditions during August were adversely affected by the war in Europe. During the first weeks of the month closing of the stock exchanges, the tightening up of the money markets of the world, the practical cessation of ocean transportation and consequent cutting off not only of sources of supply for raw materials but markets for both agricultural and manufactured products, and the general uncertainty and alarm, occasioned an outbreak of hostilities in Europe, coming at a time when the country was already suffering from the effects of the general business and industrial depression, had a depressing effect on industry. Hundreds of men were thrown out of employment by the stoppage or curtailment of work in all lines. Government municipal undertakings were affected owing to the difficulty in securing a hold out of public funds for the carrying on of public works.

Under the table showing the state of employment of the different trades in Brantford during the month of August, the bakers and confectioners, butchers and retail clerks, cotton and woollen textile workers, are classified as "Active", while hotel and restaurant employees and laundry workers are given as "Fair". Tailors, garment workers, boot and shoe workers, and unskilled laborers is quoted as "quiet". Building, outside and inside, electrical workers, printing and allied trades, woodworkers and upholsterers also are placed under the last named class.

The Trades
Building.—There was continued inactivity in the building trades, the war in Europe having the effect of either stopping completely or curtailing building operations all over the country. Many men employed in the building trades were out of work. Printing.—Printing and allied trades also felt the effects of the general depression. The printing of war extras, however, in the cities occasioned increased activity in some branches. Textile.—There was a marked increase in activity among textile workers, due not only to Government orders for military purposes, but also to the cutting off of imports from other countries. Woodworking.—Conditions amongst woodworkers continued very dull, the number of woodworking establishments closing down or running with reduced staffs being added to. Food and tobacco preparation.—Bakers, confectioners and butchers continued fairly active. There was a marked falling off in employment of cigar-makers and tobacco workers. A number of cigar factories closed down. Unskilled.—The cessation or curtailment in many localities of municipal undertakings caused for the most part through the difficulty of securing funds increased very largely the number of unemployed.

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Prices Advanced Over Two Points

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Index number: August, 1914, 137.7; July, 1914, 135.5; August, 1913, 134.1. The labor department's index number advanced over two points during August, there having been step advances in grains, hog products, miscellaneous foods, textiles, drugs and chemicals, liquor and to a lesser extent in other commodities. Woodworking—Conditions amongst woodworkers continued very dull, the number of woodworking establishments closing down or running with reduced staffs being added to. Food and tobacco preparation.—Bakers, confectioners and butchers continued fairly active. There was a marked falling off in employment of cigar-makers and tobacco workers. A number of cigar factories closed down. Unskilled.—The cessation or curtailment in many localities of municipal undertakings caused for the most part through the difficulty of securing funds increased very largely the number of unemployed.

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from England was advanced to per cent, and silver-plated cutlery was reported upward. Materials such as glass and zinc parts for washboards were also advancing.

Drugs and Chemicals.—Many lines advanced steeply, as supplies come chiefly from Europe. Carbollic acid, borax, caustic soda, opium, guanine, and menthol were higher and supplies in some lines were reported low in some centres and very difficult to replace.

RETAIL PRICES.
The chief features of the month in retail prices as given in the Gazette as regards Brantford, were the advances in flour and sugar, as a result of the effects of the war on the world's markets for wheat and raw sugar.

Notes on Retail Prices.
Beef, veal, mutton, pork and bacon, eggs, butter, flour, rolled oats, rice, beans, sugar, tea, coffee, potatoes are all quoted as having gone up to a considerable extent in this city.

Labor Notes Worth Noting

A Matter of Regret.
It is a matter of regret that in appointing the new Workmen's Compensation Board, the Government should have seen fit, while appointing a direct representative of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to entirely ignore the claims of Organized Labor and the workers of the Province for similar consideration.

The new board will be impelled to administer the Workmen's Compensation Act fairly and liberally, if for no higher reason than that Organized Labor does not propose to stand for anything else, and the day has gone by forever when it is safe to offer them anything else.

Labor Party Does Well
The latest returns regarding the recent federal elections in Australia show the victory of the labor party to be of a far more sweeping nature than was acknowledged by the earlier telegraphic dispatches announcing the results. It is now known that the party of the government or fusion party was simply overwhelming. Instead of a majority of four in the House of Representatives, the Laborites have increased their lead to eight, while three seats credited to the fusionists will in all probability be finally counted in the same column. At present the Labor party is credited with having won 4 seats in the Lower Chamber, and the fusionists 33, so that the new administration has a substantial majority.

The Senate the Labor party has practically made a clean sweep, having won 32 out of 36 seats. This is eminently satisfactory to the Labor forces, as it ensures that the new government will be able to exercise a free hand and carry out progressive measures in the interests of the people at large.

Trades and Labor Congress
About 175 accredited delegates from all sections of the Dominion were present when the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada was called to order by President James Watters in St. John N.B. last Monday morning. T.I.S. is looked upon as a most satisfactory showing.

Reports of Local Correspondent
The report of the local correspondent of the Labor Gazette for the month of August, the last published, is as follows:
"Labor conditions were more unfavorable this month than last, and worse than they have been for a considerable time. The outbreak of the war caused a cessation of work in several instances, which has aggravated an already depressed condition."

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

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The Massey-Harris Company has closed down, and have retained only a very few of its staff. The men on the construction of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway have been informed that work will be discontinued. Factories were generally working short time, and with reduced staffs.

The New Age
When navies are forgotten
And fleets are useless things,
When the eagle's wings
Beneath the eagle's wings,
When memory of battles
Increases their lead to eight, while
When nations have one banner
And creeds have found one fold.
When the hand that sprinkles midnight
With its powdered drift of suns
Has hushed this tiny tumult
Of swords and guns.
Then Hate's last note of discord
In all God's world shall cease,
In the conquest which is victory,
In the victory which is peace!
—Frederick Lawrence Knowles.

NEW RUSSIAN GUN SURPRISES THE ENEMY
Appeared for the First Time in Battle of the Niemen—Invasion a Disaster.

(By Percival Gibson, Correspondent of LONDON CHRONICLE.)
PETROGRAD, Oct. 2.—The great German guns which now are making their difficult way back over marshes to the north and south of Suwalki have met their match. During the fighting on the River Niemen there appeared for the first time a new pattern Russian gun of large calibre and considerable mobility. Naturally no details are issued concerning its construction and its principal features, but it is the product of the famous Putiloff works. Artillery experts who watched its performance are satisfied it is equal in power and effect to anything the Germans have yet shown on the Russian frontier.

Silenced Two Batteries.
At one point two of these new guns silenced the German batteries within ten minutes, and the German guns were afterwards abandoned. On their position every gunner had been killed. A large quantity of German stores and transport have been abandoned on account of the state of the roads. The invasion has been, in short, a disaster. It has failed at every point. Even as a reconnaissance in force it can produce nothing of the smallest value to the Germans. There is now no part of Russia which the Germans hold in any force, or in which they are not attacked and losing ground. The German raids have served at any rate one purpose. They have revealed to the public that the great concentration of much-valued preparations of the Germans were matched by those of General Rennenkampf, the man who works in the dark. He has had to hold a frontier of great length from those experimental invasions, and at the same time be ready for the real German advance, which was believed to be imminent. Of his strength, his dispositions, and his equipment nothing is made known. He has drawn the censorship around him like a mantle, but it is evident he was not only ready, but alertly and brilliantly prepared for all eventualities.

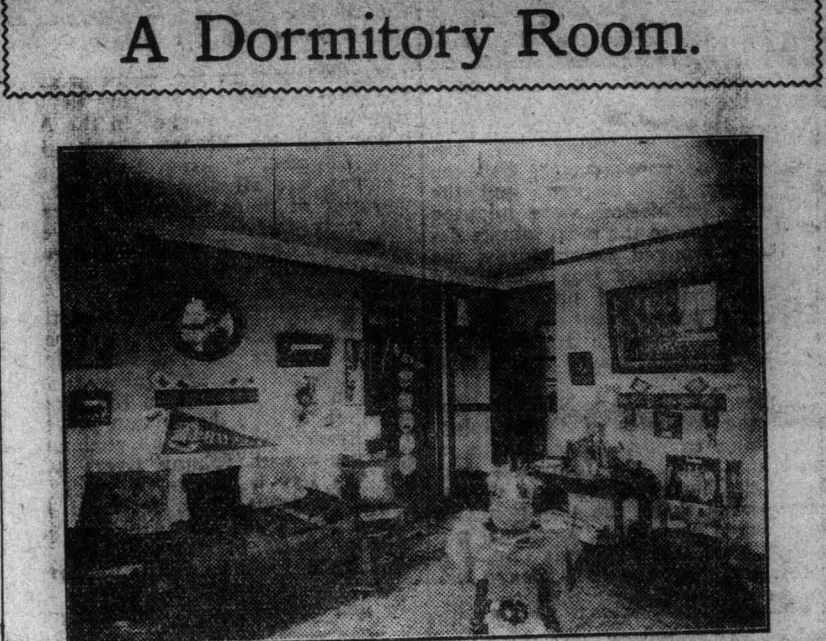
Germans Fear the Worst.
Russian refugees, who have been at last permitted to depart from Germany, have begun to arrive here. They relate that in German cities the public are now aware things are no longer going well. Police restrictions on the publication of news throughout Germany have been lifted, and many newspapers have been suppressed. Even to talk of any military reverses is punishable under martial law with imprisonment of one year.

The Y.M.C.A. Exerting Tremendous Influence For Good In Brantford

Almost a year ago, a young man, weary in spirit, entered this beautiful city of ours. But the beauty offered him no cheer and the air of prosperity was to him a mockery, for his way is a sorry plight. He had wandered from a neighboring city unable to find employment and was tired, weary and worn. He had no money and knew not where he might sleep and his next meal was a thing of chance. No wonder then, his face was sad. A few brief months ago his mother had been called from earth, and his father reeked little what became of his only son. So the youth had left all that was dear to him and after buffeting against the hard rocks of life, had

found himself, without a cent, destitute in a pleasing city, and without friends. In a moody frame of mind, he looked around and decided to once again seek for work. His battered appearance was against him and he replied to a chery "Good morning" as he met the secretary pouring over the morning's letters. Under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. he smartened up and his clothes were brushed into a fair semblance of respectability. Soon, with the co-operation of "Y" workers, a place was found for him with a rising heart, he pushed open

the splendid shower baths and then at the row of spotless wash basins. Even new towels were there. Within fifteen minutes minutes he felt like a new man and with a lighter heart he replied to a chery "Good morning" as he met the secretary pouring over the morning's letters. Under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. he smartened up and his clothes were brushed into a fair semblance of respectability. Soon, with the co-operation of "Y" workers, a place was found for him with a rising heart, he pushed open



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A SAD DEATH.
ST. JOHN, N. B., Oct. 2.—Mrs. Henrietta Bennett, mother of R. N. Bennett, M. P., Calgary, died yesterday at her home at Hopewell Hill, N. B. Another son, George, is with the Canadian contingent on its way to the war.

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