

## CANADIAN NEWS

## Condition of Particular Trades

## MONTREAL.

*Building trades.*—Bricklayers, masons, carpenters and joiners were very busy, and plasterers were in demand. The other branches were well employed.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Iron moulders, iron workers, machinists, metal polishers and brass workers were active. Electrical workers and linemen were busy. Favorable conditions were reported by the remaining branches.

*Woodworking and furnishing trades.*—Active conditions prevailed.

*Printing and allied trades.*—These trades were all well employed.

*Clothing trades.*—Tailors and garment workers were well employed, except in a few branches. Boot and shoe workers were on short time in some establishments.

*Food and tobacco preparation.*—Active conditions prevailed. Ice men were busy.

*Leather trades.*—Tanners, leather workers and trunk and bag makers were active.

## HAMILTON.

*Building trades.*—The building trades were very busy, and construction will likely be continued until far into the autumn. Bricklayers, masons, plumbers, lathers, builders' laborers, painters, carpenters, etc., were all well employed.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Iron workers, including engineers, machinists, electrical workers, metal polishers, blacksmiths, etc., reported a good month at good wages.

*Woodworking and furnishing trades.*—The woodworking trades, upholsterers, carvers, pattern-makers, coopers, etc., had a good month.

*Printing and allied trades.*—The printing trades were very busy. The strike among the lithographers was still on, involving 25 men. Most of them have left the city.

*Clothing trades.*—Work among the journeymen tailors was slack, and among ready-made tailors only fair. Boot and shoe workers were busy.

*Food and tobacco preparation.*—Cigarmakers and tobacco workers reported a good month.

*Leather trades.*—Leather workers had a fair month.

*Miscellaneous.*—The barbers, five in number, who were on strike in one shop only, have secured work in other shops. Hotel and restaurant employees and laundry workers reported a fair month.

## NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

*Agriculture.*—Farmers reported good crops, the hay crop being the heaviest in years.

*Fishing.*—Conditions were very active. An exceptionally good run of salmon was reported, and prices were fair.

*Lumbering.*—All mills were running full time, with machine hands scarce.

*Building trades.*—These trades were very busy, owing to the large number of new buildings in course of construction. Stonecutters were scarce, as many were engaged in fishing.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Blacksmiths reported trade active, with a demand for men.

*Woodworking and furnishing trades.*—Car builders were very busy, and shingle weavers had steady employment.

*Printing and allied trades.*—These trades were very active owing to a certain measure to extra printing for the Dominion exhibition.

*Clothing trades.*—Business was very good and all hands were employed.

*Food and tobacco preparation.*—Fair conditions prevailed. Cigarmakers were busy.

*Leather trades.*—A good trade was reported, with tanners in demand.

*Miscellaneous.*—Conditions were fair generally, no class reporting a dull month. Hotel and restaurant employees were in active demand for the fair.

*Transport.*—All railway employees, steamboatmen, cab drivers, etc., were busy.

*Unskilled labor.*—This class was in demand in the city in connection with building operations and in the country for harvesting.

## SYDNEY, N.S.

*Building trades.*—Bricklayers, masons, carpenters, joiners, lathers and plasterers were fairly busy, and plumbers, gas and steamfitters, stonecutters and builders' laborers were active.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Iron moulders, iron workers, coremakers, machinists, engineers, steam engineers, electrical workers, linemen, buffers, platers, stove mounters and other branches of these trades were active.

*Printing and allied trades.*—Printers, pressmen and plate printers were busy.

*Clothing trades.*—Workers in these trades were all busy.

*Food and tobacco preparation.*—Bakers, confectioners, butchers, meat cutters, ice cutters and drivers were active.

*Leather trades.*—All employed in these trades were active.

*Miscellaneous.*—Barbers, clerks, stenographers, delivery employees, hotel, restaurant, theatre and laundry workers were busy.

*Transport.*—Railway employees of all classes were busy, and steamboatmen, ship laborers, street railway employees, cab drivers, hackmen, carters, teamsters and expressmen were all well employed.

*Unskilled labor.*—This class was well employed.

## HALIFAX, N.S.

*Building trades.*—Bricklayers, masons, carpenters and builders' laborers were dull. Plasterers reported work a little better than previous month, but were not sea-

sonably active. Painters were not busy. Plumbers, gas and steam fitters were normally employed, but stone cutters were not employed up to the standard.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Moulders were still unemployed, owing to the difficulty at Hillis' foundry, Richmond, which employs almost all the moulders in this district. Iron workers, machinists, electrical workers, blacksmiths, shipwrights and horseshoers were fairly well employed.

*Woodworking and furnishing trades.*—Upholsterers, carriage and wagon makers and coopers reported conditions fairly good.

*Printing and allied trades.*—Printers and pressmen were fairly busy.

*Clothing trades.*—Among tailors conditions were unchanged.

*Miscellaneous.*—Barbers, clerks, delivery employees, hotel and laundry employees were busy.

*Transport.*—Railroad and steamboat men were active; teamsters were fairly busy; longshoremen reported conditions fair.

*Unskilled labor.*—This class was dull.

## CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

*Building trades.*—Bricklayers, masons, painters, decorators and paper hangers were fairly busy. Carpenters, joiners, lathers, plasterers and plumbers had a good month. Builders' laborers had a fair measure of employment.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Iron moulders, iron workers and helpers, machinists, engineers, linemen and blacksmiths were busy. Bicycle workers were fairly busy.

*Woodworking and furnishing trades.*—Woodworkers, upholsterers, carriage and wagon makers and car builders had a good month.

*Printing and allied trades.*—Printers and bookbinders were steadily employed.

*Clothing trades.*—Journeymen tailors, garment workers, boot and shoe workers had a good month.

*Food and tobacco preparation.*—Bakers, confectioners and tobacco workers had steady employment.

*Leather trades.*—Tanners, curriers and saddlers were busy.

*Miscellaneous.*—Barbers, clerks and hotel employees were busy.

*Transport.*—Railroad employees had steady employment. Freight handlers, steamboat men and firemen and longshoremen had a good month. Teamsters and expressmen had a fair month.

*Unskilled labor.*—There was a fair demand for unskilled labor.

## ST. JOHN, N.B.

*Building trades.*—Bricklayers, masons, carpenters, joiners, painters and decorators were busy. Plumbers, gas and steamfitters, stonecutters and builders' laborers reported fair conditions.

*Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.*—Iron moulders, iron workers and helpers had a good month. Machinists, engineers, steam engineers, electrical workers and linemen were busy. Blacksmiths,

THE  
SOVEREIGN BANK  
OF CANADA

Established  
May - 1902

Total Deposits on	
30th April, 1903	\$3,252,583
30th April, 1904	5,707,503
29th April, 1905	8,316,203
31st August, 1905	9,138,437

YOUR CURRENT OR SAVINGS  
ACCOUNT INVITED

Main Office - 28 King St. West  
Labor Temple Bch. 167 Church St.  
Market Branch - 168 King St. East

boilermakers, sheet metal workers and horseshoers were well employed.

*Woodworking and furnishing trades.*—Woodworkers, carriage and wagon makers and shingle weavers were fairly well employed.

*Printing and allied trades.*—Printers and pressmen were quiet, and bookbinders had a fair month.

*Clothing trades.*—Journeymen tailors reported a fair month.

*Food and tobacco preparation.*—Bakers and confectioners were busy. Cigar makers had fair employment.

*Miscellaneous.*—Brush and broom makers were busy.

Halifax, N.S.—The unorganized workers are in very bad shape, particularly the unskilled crafts. Work has been unsteady, owing to the wet weather. The condition of the organized workers is much better than the unorganized as regards hours and wages. Sheet metal workers are about to organize. The union labels are demanded by all union men.

Winnipeg, Man.—All classes well employed. There is a great demand for farm labor, and not enough men to supply the demand. Inside electricians obtained increased wages after a short strike. Plumbers had slight trouble, which was settled satisfactorily. Cooks and waiters have formed unions. Horseshoers are getting ready to organize.

## NANAIMO STRIKE ENDED.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 1.—The Nanaimo miners have sustained the committee's negotiations with the colliery company by a vote of 239 to 93. The strike, which for the last four months was waged bitterly, was consequently called off on Friday night. The settlement is in the nature of a compromise, both sides in the dispute giving and taking until the final draft was arrived at. A working agreement for two years has been reached and signed. Work will be resumed on Monday, and the city, which has suffered severe depression, will once more rise to bustle and activity.

## PRINTERS SECURE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

On Tuesday, pursuant to the provisions of the scale signed nearly three years ago between the proprietors of the newspapers and job offices of Hamilton and the Hamilton Typographical Union, the eight-hour day went into effect in all the printing offices in this city. The newspapers were very slightly affected, as the eight-hour day has always prevailed on machines, and only a portion of their employees have been working nine hours.

There was no change in the tailors' strike situation to-day. Both sides professed to be standing firm, but there were indications that negotiations might soon be begun looking to a settlement of the trouble.