

"Business as Usual"

GRAND TRUNK RESUMES WORK

The Grand Trunk Railway Company, which several weeks ago discontinued work on the replacing of tracks west of London, Ontario, with 100-pound rails, has recommenced the work at Wanstead.

COBALT BACK TO NORMAL

The ore shipments from the Cobalt camp for the week ending September 4th, were made by seven mines, including three cars from Coniagas. The output from the mines to the smelters is now about normal, as all last week shipments were of high grade and concentrates.

COMPANY INCREASES SIZE OF FACTORY

The United States consul, Mr. H. J. Harvey, reports that a \$100,000 safe and register company of Fort Erie, Ontario, has so many orders ahead that it has been obliged to increase the size of its factory. A register is produced which is fireproof and is sold at a moderate price.

NEVER KNOW TILL WE TRY

For the first time in the history of the brick and tile-making industry of the Dominion red roofing tile are being successfully manufactured. The plant that is turning them out is located near Mimico, and the owner is the Ontario government.

BIG BUSINESS FOR CANADA'S LARDER

Canada's Trade Commissioner at Birmingham, England, Mr. J. E. Ray, reports that there will be a record demand for Canadian foodstuffs during the war. British importers, he says, are looking to Canada for cereals, flour, cheese, hams, bacon, canned meats and lumber, to replace European sources of supply cut off by the war.

STEEL COMPANY RENEW BUILDING OPERATIONS

The Fort William plant of the Steel Company of Canada, on which construction was started last year and not completed owing to the dull manufacturing season, has resumed operations and a large gang of men is at work on the completion of the building. The plant will be ready for operation between November 15th and December 1st.

THIS WILL HELP EMPLOYMENT

Canadian immigration decreased 58 per cent. during the five months of the fiscal year. The total as given in a statement issued from Ottawa was 105,631, made up of 32,312 British, 34,930 American and 38,389 from all other countries. During the corresponding months of 1913 the total number was 250,906, composed of 99,114 British, 54,040 American and 97,752 from all other countries.

FACTS ARE GOOD, TOO

The optimist is sometimes accused of talking cheerful sentiment while the facts contradict. The main body of facts in Canada to-day (a few are cited on this page) justify continued faith in the position, strength, natural resources and possibilities of the Dominion. Business can afford, therefore, to take a cheerful view and go on as usual, so far as war conditions will permit.

MONEY FROM LONDON FOR RAILROAD WORK

Sir William Mackenzie announces that he has received word from London that the firm of underwriters entrusted with the sale of the government guaranteed bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway has been able to forego its rights under the British moratorium and provide a considerable portion of the funds which it undertook to secure. Sir William stated that as the result of this the railway would be able to complete the Canadian Northern lines.

PROPER TREATMENT FOR MORTGAGES

"This is a time for consideration and mercy—and both must be freely given,"—Mr. J. K. Macdonald, president of the Confederation Life Association. "Self-interest will lead lending companies to deal leniently with good borrowers."—Mr. J. F. Weston, managing-director of the Imperial Life. "We have not foreclosed a solitary mortgage, and do not anticipate having to take any such action."—Mr. Edward Saunders, manager of the Canada Landed and National Investment Corporation.

RESUME MANUFACTURE OF STARCH

The Fort William Starch Works, at Fort William, which have been closed for the past few weeks on account of over-production, is to resume manufacturing operations within the course of two weeks. Superintendent E. G. DeCorolios, in an interview a few days ago, stated that large orders had recently been received from western points and had almost depleted the stock in hand, and he anticipated that when operations are resumed they will continue steadily throughout the fall and winter months.

MUCH BUILDING AT KAMLOOPS

Building permits issued in Kamloops for month of July amount to \$11,979 more than in July, 1913. Out of the twelve cities in British Columbia only three of them show an increase over last year, Oak Bay and North Vancouver being the other two, the latter place showing \$2,310 of an increase. Tenders were called for a fine drill-hall, but owing to the war, contract will not be let. The Canadian Northern Railway have arranged to go on with track-laying, which, along with Canadian Pacific Railway double-tracking, will help employment of labor materially.

FOOD PRICES ARE BEHAVING

The Department of Labor has issued a bulletin summarizing the general price situation in Canada after exactly one month of war. The rise of 2.2 points indicated, though great, is by no means unprecedented. Variations of two or three points within a few weeks have happened several times previously. For example, the readjustment of prices to a higher level, which took place at the close of 1911, sent the department's number up four points in a single month, and during the business boom of the fall of 1912 the number went up over two points for a couple of months in succession.

WEALTH OF STOCK IN SASKATOON DISTRICT

Within the past ten days, several representatives of large Canadian and United States packing concerns have visited the Saskatoon district with a view to investigating live stock conditions so as to come to some decision, it is thought, with regard to the desirability of establishing a plant there. Without exception, these people have gone away very agreeably surprised at the quantity of stock in the district, and at the manner in which the farmers generally are taking up the raising of stock. They are satisfied that the city of Saskatoon is now quite ready for the location of packing houses, abattoirs, etc., and there is little doubt but that important developments in these lines may be looked for next spring, and even earlier, probably. The other day, on one train, no fewer than 55 carloads of stock left the Saskatoon district for South Saint Paul, Winnipeg and the East.