

# 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

## TRADE OF THE DOMINION GROWS

Was Two and a Half Million Dollars Greater During August, the First Month of the War, Than It Was in the Corresponding Period of 1913.

Official government reports show that during August, the first month of the great European war, the trade of the Dominion of Canada increased by two and a half millions of dollars over that of the corresponding month in the previous year.

It is shown that imports from Europe suffered a big decrease, but this was more than made up by a still heavier increase in the export trade. Canada having sent a vastly greater quantity of goods to her customers than previously. This showing should be considered as a most satisfactory one, more especially as the increased exportation and the decreased importation means that the balance of trade is in favor of the Dominion, and that other nations are buying more from Canada than Canada buys from them.

This will certainly tend to strengthen the financial status of the country. Probably no other country in the world can point to a similar record at this time. With the United States, Great Britain, and France, Canada's three greatest customers, trade routes are open for her commerce, and with Germany and Austria, whose ports are closed to the world, she has done relatively little trade in comparison, although said trade has been rapidly increasing. As it will be remembered, there was a trade war between Germany and Canada over the later giving a preferential rate to British goods imported into the Dominion from Germany. This, of course, placed a considerable barrier to successful parties between the two countries until recently, when Germany asked for a rapprochement, and a new trade agreement was reached and the tariff withdrawn. Since that time until the outbreak of the war trade between the two countries has been on the up-grade, but the effects of the tariff war had acted as a deterrent. But for that the suspension of trade

A plebiscite was recently taken in Moncton, N.B., upon a proposition of the railway authorities to eliminate the level crossings within the city by a system of subways and elevated bridges and was carried. The work will cost about half a million dollars and will provide an opening for a number of the unemployed.

According to the September issue of the Labor Gazette, things should look up some in the Halifax, N.S., Longshoremen, as three hundred of them have gone to the front with the Canadian volunteer army. Work has been slack and many Longshoremen have been unemployed, but the gap made in their ranks will provide an opportunity for some of the stay-at-homes to be employed.

The Ivers Modern Bedstead Company of Cornwall, Ont., received a rush order for 1,000 beds from the Militia Department a few days ago, to be delivered at Quebec at a given time, and all hands were at work to fill the order as scheduled. By working the entire staff on overtime the beds were made and will be sent to Europe for use in the held hospitals. The beds are constructed entirely of iron and are very substantial.

According to the Canadian Trade Commissioners in England, there is an increasing demand for Canadian natural and manufactured products as the result of stoppage of trade with countries affected by the war. Among other articles for which there will be a big call are mentioned enamel ware, brushes, brooms, tool handles, nails, wire fencing, pails, small tools, hardware sundries, boots and shoes, leather and leather manufactures, metals, blankets, woollen goods and many other lines.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has now made a forward move in the matter of municipal ownership, having taken over the expired franchise of the Tagomata Water and Light Company, which heretofore has controlled the only supply of water and electrical energy in the city. Henceforth the municipality will operate them along the lines of the hydro-electric system. There will be quite an appreciable reduction in the rates to consumers.

The Winnipeg Typos are out footed after the International Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., on November 9th, and will continue in session for a period of two weeks. An impressive street parade will be held on the opening day before the big gathering is called to order, in which more than sixty thousand trades unionists are expected to participate.

## Industrial Canada

Last year the Province of Alberta produced fifteen million dollars' worth of eggs, milk and poultry.

It is expected that a million and a quarter barrels of apples will be shipped from the port of Halifax for Great Britain this season.

Ninety-five members of the United Mine Workers of America from the Fernie mining district are with the Canadian contingent who are now in Europe to get busy on the firing line. The lumbering industries in Hull, Que., and the surrounding districts will likely be curtailed and a number of hands let out. The demand in foreign countries has fallen off.

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## Compensation Act Will Create Better Working Conditions

It will be remembered by readers of the Courier that at the time the agitation was on in favor of the passage of a Workmen's Compensation Act for the Province of Ontario along the lines as advocated by Sir William Meredith's draft measure, one of the arguments advanced by the labor representatives was that if such an act was placed upon the statute books the employers would recognize the necessity of taking systematic action to look after the safety of their workmen, and that the cost of compensation assessments levied upon such industries.

It was pointed out that in Germany the enforcement of the Workmen's Compensation Act had resulted in a most material reduction in the number of accidents occurring in the factories and workshops, that country having recognized the fact that the prevention was far more economical in the long run to protect their employees from death and injury than to pay towards their compensation after the accident had occurred.

Now three months before the new Ontario act is to become operative, the force of the arguments advanced by the labor men is being fully and amply vindicated as witness the following from "Industrial Canada," the organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

"Simultaneously with the going into operation of the new Workmen's Compensation Act a campaign of accident prevention will be open under the auspices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Meetings of employers in the various insurance groups under the act will probably be held within the next few weeks with

laying off of employees and the reduction of hours and wage rates by certain business concerns. While there may have been occasions in the past to be more than suspicious of the actions of big railway corporations who are always so anxious to raise passenger and freight rates and work their little bonuses and other money making deals, we feel disposed in this instance to put in a good word for the C. P. R.

It is always well to give credit where it is due, and in this case the Canadian Pacific is setting an example to the other manufacturing and transportation companies might follow with the best results.

## SILENT VICTORY OF BRITISH FLEET KEEPS SEAS OPEN

Every Day the Activity on Land Bears Witness to Strong Naval Power.

The work which is being done by our navy may be learned from two sources. The admiralty from time to time issues an official statement telling of some important feat, but a continuous record of the navy's activity is given in every line which chronicles the arrival at a British port of any passenger ship or merchant vessel. Those who would appreciate to the full the battle which the navy is silently winning every day should visit the London docks.

While there is a scarcity of food in Berlin, and while German shipping is gradually being driven off the seas, the business in the docks of London is exceeding all recorded figures. It is particularly notable that the cargoes which have recently been unloaded, and others which are on their way include vast quantities of grain. The feeling in the coast trade is one of optimism. Export is naturally forbidden from Russia, but there is confidence, based on expert knowledge, that the supplies of Canada and Australia will fulfill our requirements. In August the imports of corn into England were practically equal in quantity to those of the corresponding month of last year.

In foodstuffs there is what might be called a second line of defence behind corn, in the shape of certain fodders which we do not at present use to the full. Hence it is of interest to note that the last monthly returns show an increased import over last year of 160,000 cwt. of rice, and 20,000 cwt. of cheese.

In certain industries the war, as we know, has been responsible for an enormous increase in activity, and it is good to know that in these trades there is still no difficulty in obtaining from other countries the raw material of the trade. At Northampton and elsewhere the makers of heavy boots are working at the utmost pressure. Saddlers and others who use leather in large quantities are equally busy. According to one who has expert and intimate knowledge of the leather industry, the increased demand in America for hide is being met without difficulty, and shipments for this month may constitute a record.

The leather industry is also overcoming a difficulty which the war created. The extracts used for tanning are chiefly derived from France, Austria and Turkey, and a deficiency in the supply was threatened. Other sources are, however, being more fully used.

The fact that industries which are suddenly faced with an increased demand for raw material are finding no difficulty in getting their supplies from across the ocean is significant of Britain's naval ascendancy. We can meet, not only our normal needs, but new demands on overseas trade, because our sea routes have not disturbed with us the mastery of the ocean highways.

District Attorney Smith says, on the evidence, he expects to convict Mrs. Carman, accused of killing Mrs. Bailey.

day's holiday, which was the main thing.

The 6th were present with other Scouts of the city at the Patriotic Concert on Thursday night, and although not notified until late on Wednesday night, 25 paraded.

Fellow scouts of the city extend a glad hand to the new troop forming at St. Luke's, and wish them every success.

Why not a troop at West Brantford

and Terrace Hill. There are lots of boys there.

There must be a good few old scouts in the city now. Why not an old scouts club or association?

A runaway horse charged an auto near Hartsdale, N. Y., and as a result one woman is dying while four others are seriously hurt.

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