

BUSINESS CONDITIONS A E FAVORABLE
NO CAUSE FOR HARD TIMES SCAREThe Reports From All Over
Canada Most Assuring.Labor Well Employed Through-
out the Dominion.Men Laid Off Drop Into Other Posi-
tions—Cause for Assurance Is To
Be Noted Everywhere.

The scare stories regarding hard times this winter in Canada are shown not to have very much foundation in fact, although it is evident that most firms are exercising caution and are pursuing a policy of retrenchment.

Locally, conditions are favorable. The number of men laid off is not serious; in fact, it is but little greater than at any similar period during the past few years.

Some gangs of laborers on construction work of the railroads have been laid off, but even this is not serious.

There has been an abundance of work of this nature during the past year or two owing to the track elevation work of the Grand Trunk in this district, which work is now practically completed. A few firms have reduced their men to short hours, but this is usually the case during the winter season.

The first scare has worked off, and the workmen as a rule have settled down to the present conditions, which are no worse than was anticipated.

Money is loosening up appreciably for business purposes, but there is not much in sight for speculation.

A brief summary of conditions in Canada is reassuring. There is no wholesale discharge of men. In most places the factories are working their usual staffs, or very few under the regular number of employees.

Usual Conditions.

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—The department of labor's survey of the labor situation throughout the country shows the same slackening in the demand for unskilled labor that usually occurs at this season of the year. October is always a busy month in rushing through all manner of outdoor work before the advent of winter, but November means the laying off of many workmen, and this year is no exception to the rule. In fact, there are indications of reduction in various lines of industry such as occurred in 1904 after the unprecedented industrial activity that prevailed throughout the country in 1902.

The season just drawing to a close has been the busiest that the Dominion has ever known, busier even than that of four years ago, and the picture which is bound to follow these periods of exceptional development and expansion is already beginning to make itself felt. At the same time the most conservative financiers in the Dominion see no reason for feeling apprehensive, believing that the check will be but temporary in its influence, and that there is no reason for expecting anything in the nature of commercial or industrial depression.

Have To Delay Plans.
Several of the largest railway companies in the States have had to forego for a time the plans they had formed for further expansion and extension of their operations, and it would not be surprising if the same thing happened in our own country.

Four Thousand To Be Released.
There are 4,000 men at present employed in construction work on the western division of the new Transcontinental Railway. Most of these will be laid off as soon as the winter has set in, but should have no trouble whatever in finding their way into other employment. Some of them will be taken on, no doubt, to help in the rock work on the eastern division between Winnipeg and the great lakes, of which there is still a great deal to be done.

Dr. D. D. Mann, of the Canadian Northern system, who is in Ottawa today, was asked whether the C. N. R. was content with any reduction of its operations. His answer was an emphatic negative. Naturally, the construction forces on the prairies would not be able to work throughout the winter, but as soon as their present employment was over they would have no difficulty in finding something else to do. There was room for many in the lumber camps, and on the rock work of the G. T. P. For his own part he had no anticipation whatever of hard times.

At Hamilton.

Hamilton, Nov. 15.—Inquiries among the manufacturers here have elicited the information that manufacturers are laying off no more men than is customary. There is nothing here to indicate real hard times. As one business man says, the country is in a business slump, but the financial world is more scared than hurt. It is nothing here to indicate real hard times.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 15.—All the big indus-

tries in Sydney are working at their full capacity. The men are not being laid off. There is a spirit of hopefulness everywhere, and it is predicted that money will be moving freely in a short time.

North and West.

Sanit Ste. Marie, Nov. 15.—No men have been laid off here. All companies are running at full capacity, and there seems no reason to anticipate any cessation of the present prosperous conditions.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 15.—On Tuesday the Granby and Snowshoes mines laid off 600 miners. It is said to be owing to the close down, and it is expected that 2,000 men will be idle this week. Work is plentiful in other lines, however, and there is no depression on account of conditions.

AT A GLANCE.

Ottawa—Several thousand laborers on railway construction in Canada will be laid off for winter, but hundreds will find work in lumber camps. A quieter period everywhere is possible, but hard times not expected.

Montreal—700 men discharged.

London—probably 100 laid off, and working hours reduced in a few cases.

Stratford—200 men dropped.

Sydney—Everybody kept working.

Halifax—Full staffs retained.

Walkerville—Some firms "running light."

Windsor—All men working.

St. John, N. B.—Factories busy.

Guelph—Some curtailment.

Hamilton—Most plants working full.

Winnipeg—Northwest is hustling.

Phoenix, B. C.—2,000 men laid off.

Owen Sound—Factories working overtime.

Widow Dies of Ptomaine Poisoning
Husband Recently Scalded to DeathPitiable End of Estimable Young
Couple of London Within
a Few Weeks.

As a result of eating potted chicken which is supposed to have been poisoned by acid, Mrs. Addie Robertson, widow of the late Fireman Robertson, who died three weeks ago as a result of injuries received in a locomotive boiler explosion at Newbury on Oct. 30, died in violent convulsions last evening at Victoria Hospital.

Coroner MacLaren will not hold an inquest, as death was plainly due to ptomaine poisoning.

At the time of the accident to her

husband, Mrs. Williamson, of Wat-

ford, came to reside with the late Mrs. Robertson.

Last evening the two ladies partook of a can of potted chicken, which the mother had provided for her daughter, but the mother luckily ate but little of the canned stuff.

Heard Her Moaning.

Shortly after partaking of the poisoned food the daughter arose and retired to her room. A moment later the mother heard her moaning and

cried out for help.

She was found by the mother, who

was unable to do anything for her.

She died within a few minutes.

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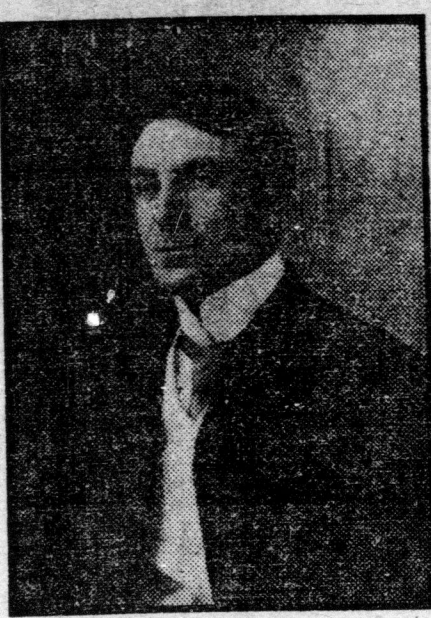
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LATE JOHN ROBERTSON.

Mr. Robertson died as the result of a locomotive boiler explosion at Newbury on Oct. 30. Thursday night



LATE MRS. ROBERTSON.

Mrs. Robertson died from ptomaine poisoning.

Four Teachers Accept Offers Made

After the meeting of the board of education last evening, Chairman Fitzgerald communicated with the teachers appointed, and received acceptances from Mr. A. J. Lane, of Chatham, moderns teacher; Mr. J. L. McDonald, Ingersoll, English assistant; Mr. A. M. Overholt, Woodstock, mathematical master, and Mr. H. H. Kelly, of Both-

well, relieving principal of the public schools. Chairman Fitzgerald was delighted with the success of the board's policy, and he is satisfied that they will all be splendid additions to the staff. Their duties will commence after the New Year.

Klaw & Erlanger Quit Vaudeville
Bennett's Will Reap the BenefitDramatic Kings, 'Tis Said, Were
Well Paid to Drop
Out.

Bennett's Theater in London, as well as every other theater on the Bennett circuit, is directly interested in the announcement from New York that Klaw & Erlanger, the dramatic kings, have pulled up stakes and will withdraw from the vaudeville field.

For years, Keffis, Proctor and others have had control of the book- ing of the majority of vaudeville houses in America.

Vaudeville has cut deep into the cheap-priced dramatic attractions, however, and Klaw & Erlanger, with William Morris and others, decided to

establish a chain of vaudeville theaters to compete with the Keith circuits.

The result was that the salaries of the different acts were by the competitive bidding of the rival agencies, boosted sky high. Acts, which a year ago played Bennett's for \$100 a week, laughed at anything less than \$200 or \$250, and they made their own terms.

Now that Klaw & Erlanger have decided to quit the vaudeville field, there will be sure to be a big salary slump.

It will be interesting to note the effect the change will have upon the Savoy Theater in Hamilton, which at a place two miles east of Newbury has been known as "Klaw & Erlanger's advanced vaudeville."

This is the theater which is in direct competition with Bennett's in Hamilton.

The Story From New York

The Tribune today says: The exit Continued on Page Nine.

Very Few Contagious Cases in London

"This has been the healthiest year since I have been medical health officer," said Dr. Hutchinson to The Advertiser this morning. "There is very little contagious disease in the city. Only three cases of scarlet fever and two of diphtheria are in the hospitals, and none of them are serious. During

October there was only one death from consumption. This is a remarkable state of affairs. I have not seen anything like it in my 21 years' experience in my position."

Other medical men report very little sickness in the city, and it has been looked upon as a very healthy year.

The Man, the Money and Inspiration
Story of a \$20,000 Hospital Offer

No more splendid charity has ever been proffered the city than the offer of Mr. James A. Blair, of \$20,000 for a tuberculosis hospital for London. The generosity of Mr. Blair has seized upon the imagination of the city, and he has been receiving congratulations of the people at large.

It is a charity practically for the poor, for it is the poor consumptive who will most benefit by the charity of the aged Londoner.

The health resorts of the world are open to the rich, but only isolation and misery are the portions of the poor who have been attacked by this dread disease.

Is a Modest Man.

Mr. Blair was seen by an Advertiser reporter this morning, but was very reticent. In fact, he impressed upon the newspaperman that he desired no

publicity whatever. He made the offer to the city. He wanted it accepted as quietly, as he had made the offer, no publicity, no bands, no noise. He had insisted that his name be not mentioned in the transaction—that he be kept in the background. It had been pressed upon him that it should be made known, but he insisted upon his right to keep the matter as quiet as possible. And it was against his expressed wishes that the matter became public property.

He has lived many years in ease and quietness in his comfortable home on Alma street in the north end. He made few close friends, and those are true ones. This is not the first time he has given money to charity—he is always giving to some good object, but this is the first time the public has known anything of it.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 15—5 a.m.

Today—Moderate; variable winds; fair.

Saturday—Northerly winds; fair and

colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 30 20 Clear

Winnipeg 8 4 Clear

Port Arthur 6 4 Clear

Port Sound 30 24 Cloudy

Ottawa 28 16 Cloudy

Toronto 25 12 Cloudy

Montreal 24 18 Cloudy

Quebec 24 12 Cloudy

Father Point 16 12 Cloudy

The first column in the above table re-

ports the temperature at 8 o'clock this

morning, and the second column records

the minimum temperatures during the 24

hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The barometer is high and the weather fine and cold in all parts of the Dominion. It is quite probable that an important disturbance will now develop near the Atlantic coast of the United States.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

London, 23-32; Dawson, 10 below-4; At-

lin, 23-33; Victoria, 32-39; Vancouver, 4-

9; Kamloops, 36-40; Calgary, 12-41; Re-

gina, 20-24; Winnipeg, 14-20; Port

Arthur, 6-22; Parry Sound, 8-30; Toronto,

24-34; Ottawa, 20-24; Montreal, 16-22;

Quebec, 18-20; St. John, 26-40; Halifax,

22-39.

SEVEN KILLED, MANY INJURED
IN WRECK OF SOO EXPRESSFast C. P. R. Train and a Light Engine Collide Near
Moore Lake With Terrible Results.

CREW DOBEYED ORDERS AND PERISH IN CRASH

Railway Employee and His Father, on Way to Eastern Hospital,
Cremated in Burning of a Baggage Car—List of
the Dead—Injured Will Recover.

THE DEAD.
J. IRVINE, baggageman, Ottawa.
D. CLARKE, express messenger, Montreal.
J. E. YOUNG, engineer, North Bay.
H. J. PRENDAGAST, fireman, Blind River.
J. H. PRENDAGAST, father of above, Blind River.
J. HENDRIE, engineer, North Bay.
J. O. NADEAU, fireman, North Bay.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Nov. 15.

Early this morning a railway collision took place at Moore Lake, west of Chalk River, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and seven are killed and twenty slightly injured. The killed are: J. Irvine, baggageman, Ottawa, cremated; D. Clarke, express messenger; J. E. Young, engineer, North Bay; H. J. Prendagast, fireman; J. Prendagast, father of H. J. Prendagast; J. Hendrie, engineer; J. O. Nadeau, fireman, North Bay.

The collision occurred between a light engine running west and the Soo express, coming east. The cause is attributed to the light engine not keeping clear of the express, as the engineer should have done. Engineer Hendrie and Fireman Nadeau, of the light engine, are both killed. Fireman Prendagast was on his way to Montreal to the hospital, and his father was accompanying him. They were in the baggage car of the Soo express.

Some of the Injured.

Among the injured were Alfred Robert, 68 Nelson street, Ottawa; Mrs. Gellinas, Ottawa; D. Lynch, Hintonburg; Hyland, Hull; Thos. Ferrone, New York; C. Labelle, Montreal; T. Maguire, Ixby, Ont.; Madigan, Montreal; Fireman Ball, of the Soo express.

Burned to Death.

Almonte, Nov. 15.—A dreadful head-on collision occurred about 12:30 a. m. at Moore Lake, Ont., 35 miles west of Chalk River, when the eastbound Soo train, No. 8, collided with west-

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"Georgia Magnet" Has Love Affair
Had New York Greek Into CourtWoman Well Known in London
Gives Remarkable Test of
Strength as Side Line.

The New York World of yesterday contains the following interesting story of Miss Annie Abbott, better known as "The Georgia Magnet," who was an attraction at Bennett's Theater a year or so ago, and who at that time distinguished herself by lifting half a dozen of London's most prominent male citizens when they went on the stage to test her strength. Now she has an affair of the heart, and it is being aired in court. The World says:

The West Side Court was today the scene of a remarkable spectacle when a little woman, weighing 110 pounds

lifted Magistrate Walsh and two of his court attendants while seated in a chair.

But that was not all that Mrs. Annie Abbott did to prove to the court that there was no sham in her title, "The Little Georgia Magnet." She lifted the 190-pound magistrate and two reporters on a cane and withstood the efforts of a 250-pound policeman to budge her an inch as she stood with her trim little figure seemingly vibrating with magnetism.

Mrs. Abbott did not come to court to make this amazing demonstration of her magnetic powers. She was there as complainant against William Yuluf, a Greek, of No. 353 West Forty-fifth street, whom she accused of making strenuous love to her.

Lost No Time in Woeing.

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Street Railway and Dundas Street

The street railway company has at last obtained part of its request in regard to the Dundas street pavement. The board of works has recommended that the company be given permission to use the "T" rail, and last night it also gave the company the right to use cement filler instead of asphaltum filler. This latter, it was thought at first, would cause any amount of trouble, but does not now appear to be the case. The hard filler is said to be much better than the asphaltum, and the noise nuisance is increased but little because of its use. There was a petition against it, but City Engineer Graydon withdrew his objection to the use of cement, and it passed without trouble.

The main request of the company

was not granted, however. The contract awarded to the Barber Asphalt Pavement Company for the Dundas street pavement calls for a crushed stone base. The street railway company wants to use gravel and cement, but the board of works was not favorable to that proposition.

The residents of Dundas street do not want it either.

The street railway company will probably bring the matter up again, as the cost of crushed stone is much greater than that of gravel. It was intimated last night by Ald. Cooper that in case the stone would cost too much, the company could bring it up at next year's council before the work was commenced, and have the bylaw amended to permit it to use gravel instead of crushed stone.

Judgment Reserved in \$50000 Action
Decision for Westby in Land CaseToday Will Likely Wind Up the
Non-Jury Assizes at
London.

Today will very likely wind up the non-jury assizes now being conducted at the court house before Mr. Justice Mulock.

But one case remained to be heard this morning, and it will likely prove a short one.

Decision was given yesterday in the Westby vs. Gilbert case.

The decision was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, Thomas Westby, who sued to recover \$50,000 damages for loss of property, which he afterward declined to sue for, but asked for certain unpaid demands on the part of the plaintiff, and for a refusal to deliver possession to proceed.