

CANADA

Condition of Particular Trades

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THREE RIVERS, QUE.

Printing and Allied Trades.—Printers busy. Bookbinders dull.

Tailors and garment workers.—Tailors and garment workers, busy. Glove makers busy. Boot and shoe workers fair.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers, confectioners, butchers, meat cutters, ice men, cigarmakers and tobacco workers were busy.

Leather.—Tanners and curriers were somewhat quiet, and leather workers and saddlers were not busy.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.

Building.—Bricklayers and masons, carpenters and joiners were well employed. Plumbers were busy and builders' laborers were in demand.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—Moulders, machinists, blacksmiths and all branches connected with these trades were working full time.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Woodworkers were very busy on inside work, while carriage workers reported business active.

Allied printing.—Business has been very good in all lines.

Clothing.—Journeymen tailors and garment workers were very busy.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers and confectioners reported a very satisfactory month. Cigar makers had a good month.

ST. HYACINTHE, QUE.

Building.—Bricklayers and masons were fully employed. Carpenters and joiners, plumbers and steamfitters had a fair month. Lathers, plasterers, painters, decorators and paper hangers were active. Stonecutters were very busy, as were also builders' laborers, but the demand is equal to the supply.

Metal and engineering.—Machinists, engineers, blacksmiths, boiler makers, moulders, iron workers and helpers had a good month, as had also electrical workers and linemen. Jewellers had a fairly active month.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Woodworkers, upholsterers, varnishers, polishers, wood carvers, wagon makers, pattern makers and coopers reported favorable conditions.

Allied printing.—Printers and pressmen were very active with much overtime. Bookbinders had a good month.

Clothing.—These trades were fully occupied.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers and confectioners reported great activity. Butchers and ice cutters had plenty of work. Cigar makers and tobacco workers had a prosperous month.

Leather.—Tanners and curriers had an excellent month. Saddlers and leather workers were fully employed.

OTTAWA.

Building.—There were no idle men in the building trades.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—Iron trades were all well employed.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Woodworking trades were busy.

Clothing.—The clothing trades were quiet. In connection with the Two Macs tailoring establishment there was some trouble (beginning in July) over the exchange card system, under which the men are given jobs turn about in the slack season. The firm refused to recognize it, and some 8 or 10 men, belonging to the union, refused to work otherwise. The firm takes the position that the men are discharged; the men regard it as a lock out. Owing to the quiet season there were no developments beyond the men quitting work.

KINGSTON.

Building.—All branches of the building trades reported great activity. Painters were in great demand. All others were fully employed.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—There was no diminution in the demand made upon all branches of the metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Woodworkers continued to be actively employed.

Allied printing.—Printers reported trade active.

Clothing.—The clothing trades were active.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers, confectioners, butchers, ice drivers, and cigarmakers had a busy month.

Leather.—Tanners and curriers were fairly busy.

BELLEVILLE

Building.—All branches had a splendid month.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—Iron moulders and helpers, machinists, engineers, bicycle workers and horseshoers were busy. Electrical workers reported only a fair month. Blacksmiths had a good month, as had boiler makers.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Much activity was shown among woodworkers, upholsterers, varnishers and polishers. Carriage and wagon makers were busy.

Allied Printing.—Newspaper and job printers had an exceptionally active month, and pressmen and bookbinders also had a good month.

Clothing.—Journeymen tailors were very busy. Boot and Shoe workers were dull.

Food and tobacco.—Every branch of these trades reported an excellent month.

Leather.—The main branch of this trade employed here is harness-making, which was busy during August.

PETERBORO.

Building.—Bricklayers, masons, carpenters, joiners, lathers, plasterers, painters, plumbers and builders' laborers were very active. Gas and steamfitters and stonecutters were fairly busy.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—Iron moulders, iron workers and helpers, machinists, engineers, steam engineers, electrical workers, linemen, metal and brass and sheet metal workers were busy. Blacksmiths, boiler makers, tool sharpeners, horseshoers and jewellers were fairly well employed. Shipworkers and bicycle-workers slack.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Woodworkers, upholsterers, varnishers and polishers, carriage and wagon makers, pattern makers and coopers were busy. Car builders and gilders were not active.

Allied Printing.—Have been well employed.

Clothing.—Journeymen tailors, garment workers and boot and shoe workers active. Hat makers slack.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers, confectioners, butchers, meat cutters and icemen were very active. Cigar makers were fairly well employed.

Leather.—Conditions were fair.

NIAGARA FALLS

Building.—The building trades were still very busy. Carpenters and joiners were fully employed, and lathers and plasterers were busy, while painters and plumbers had more work than they can do. Gas and steamfitters were very well employed, and builders' laborers were all working.

Metal, engineering, and shipbuilding.—Iron moulders, core makers, machinists, electrical workers and kindred craftsmen were busy.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Pattern-makers and coopers busy.

Allied Printing.—The printing business which has been dull for some time, showed considerable improvement.

Clothing.—Tailors found employment excellent.

Food and tobacco.—Fruit canneries were working to full capacity, and were giving much temporary employment. Bakers, butchers and icemen were busy. Another cigar factory adds to employment in that line in the city.

No changes in wages or hours were reported. A small strike occurred in the Sherston stone quarries.

ST. CATHARINES.

Building.—The allied building trades were all busy with sufficient work for all employed.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—Iron moulders, iron workers and helpers, core-makers, machinists and engineers, steam engineers, electrical linemen, metal polishers, buffers, platers and brass workers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, and horseshoers were well employed.

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Woodworking and furnishing.—Woodworkers, upholsterers, varnishers, polishers, carriage and wagon makers and coopers had a good month.

Allied printing.—Printers, pressmen and bookbinders had steady employment.

Clothing.—Journeymen tailors were slack. Boot and shoe workers had a fair month.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers, confectioners, butchers, meat cutters, icemen, cigarmakers and tobacco workers reported trade good.

Leather.—Tanners, curriers and leather workers were busy.

Miscellaneous.—Barbers had steady employment.

BRANTFORD

Building.—The building trades were busier than in July. Bricklayers, carpenters, lathers and plasterers found plenty of work and painters and decorators were all fully employed. Plumbers and gas fitters were busy, and builders' laborers worked steadily.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding.—Stove plate moulders were busy. Bench moulders at the Malleable Iron Works were slack, but machine and floor moulders were busy. In the plough shops moulders were slack, but core makers had a steady month. Machinists were all employed. Electrical workers and linemen worked full time. Metal polishers, buffers and platers were fairly well employed, and blacksmiths also had a fair month. Boiler makers were busy. Sheet metal workers and horse shoers, particularly the former, were exceptionally busy.

Woodworking and furnishing.—Carriage and wagon makers had a brisk month. Pattern makers had a fair month. Millwrights were busy, as were also coopers.

Allied printing.—Printers and pressmen were not busy.

Clothing.—Journeymen tailors have been slack.

Food and tobacco.—Bakers and confectioners had a busy month, and butchers and icemen were fully employed. Cigar makers and tobacco workers in one shop had a fair month, though some have been slack.