

## ADVISES BANKS TO GO EASY WITH ANY BORROWERS

C. A. Bogert, of Dominion Bank, Would Give Merchants Asking Reasonable Time.

Discussing the decline in commodity prices, President C. A. Bogert, of the Canadian Bankers' Association, addressing the association at its meeting at Toronto this week, advised that pressure by the banks on the business community to hasten liquidation should not be of an embarrassing nature. He urged the banks not to bring undue pressure upon borrowers, against commodities for liquidation, but asked them to give reasonable time for gradual absorption of the commodities by the public, thereby avoiding further depreciation and the accompanying disturbance.

Mr. Bogert did not share the view of those who were of opinion that restrictions recently imposed by the Minister of Finance, and co-operated in by the bankers, would permanently affect Canadian future borrowing in Great Britain, but thought that, when Great Britain was again seeking investments abroad, Canada would obtain her full share.

A favorable feature for Canada at the present time, Mr. Bogert said, was the arrangement recently completed and already announced whereby Great Britain would repay its debt of \$150,000,000 to the Canadian banks by monthly instalments, until the money was all repaid by April, 1922. This would bring a large amount of new money into the country.

Canada, in Mr. Bogert's opinion, was probably in a better position to recuperate from the war than any other country, with its great resources and steadily increasing volume of production. Many commercial readjustments would have to be made, and in those engaged in lines of business holding merchandise which was depreciating in value with falling prices, would have to draw on their profit and reserve. Merchants in some lines of business would have to take losses, but he believed that majority of them had accumulated sufficient surpluses during the profitable war period to provide for these contingencies.

As to the prospects for easier money, Mr. Bogert did not look for much improvement in this direction until well into next year, perhaps the summer.

## IRISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS SUPPORTS RAILWAYMEN.

At a meeting of the Irish Trades Union Congress, held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Friday, it was decided to support the railwaymen in the event that they persist in refusing to handle munitions.

The Scottish Trades Union Congress has notified the Irish Trades Union Congress of its readiness to open a fund to relieve distress among the Irish railwaymen owing to the munitions movement strike.

## CANNOT FORCE PRINTERS TO WORK, SAYS UNION OFFICIAL.

Following the issue by the management of the Hamilton Morning Times of a statement setting forth reasons for suspending publication, one of these being that a sufficient staff of printers could not be secured, though more than the scale was paid, W. J. Mountjoy, president of the Hamilton Typographical Union, said:

"I desire to state emphatically that the Hamilton Typographical Union disclaims any responsibility for the Hamilton Morning Times having ceased publication. If individual members of the union did not consider they were to be sufficiently recompensed for their services, the union had no power to compel them to work."

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## HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

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Quebec, Hull, Sherbrooke and Three Rivers, received during October 2, 214 applications for employment. Vacancies notified were 1,450. Of the 1,766 men and women referred to employers concerned, 646 were engaged. Those transferred to employment in other Provinces numbered 719.

## No Alarm in Quebec City.

Although the labor situation in Quebec City is far from being very satisfactory, there is nothing to be alarmed at, according to Mr. A. Crowe, of the Employment Bureau of Quebec. There is no actual crisis nor is any expected. There are a large number of people only working a few days a week or a few hours a day, and this mostly applies to the boot and shoe industry, but there is little of what might be called complete unemployment.

There is a large demand for labor of every kind in the pulp and paper industries, for lumber and construction camps and for construction work in general. Carpenters, woodworkers in general, painters, plumbers, masons and stone cutters are mostly employed and there is no fear of their being left without work for any length of time this winter. Prospects in those trades are said to be good. There is, however, practically no demand for unskilled labor and it is among the common laborers that there is most unemployment, and it is that class of workers who may find it hard to tide over the winter season unless they can be absorbed to a certain extent by the pulp and paper mills, the lumber and construction camps and other similar places of employment.

## Quiet in Saskatchewan.

Conditions in the Saskatchewan labor market are exceedingly quiet, according to reports received from the various Government labor bureaus at Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Swift Current and Estevan.

## Demand Decreases at Calgary.

There is a demand for men in all lines of employment is still decreasing, according to the report issued by the Calgary branch of the Alberta Government employment service on Monday morning for the week ending Saturday last. The total number of men placed during the week was 422, as compared with 511 placed during the previous week. At the end of the week 299 men were registered as unemployed and 49 positions remained unfilled.

## Returned Soldiers Idle at Toronto.

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## COMPLAINTS OF CRUELTY MUCH GREATER UNDER PROHIBITION

Statistics Compiled in Chicago Show Men Who Drank Heavily Now Takes to Abusing Family.

Statistics showing that complaints of cruelty to wife and children have increased 238 per cent. since prohibition arrived, and more rapidly in the last six months than during the first half of the year, were given in the annual report of Albert E. Webster, superintendent of the Juvenile Protective Association of the United States, made public last week.

Men who formerly drank heavily, the report reads, "have undergone a reaction which expressed itself in surlyness or abuse of the family."

Other classes of complaints also are shown to have increased. Juvenile delinquency has increased 40 per cent.; complaints against disorderly houses, 59 per cent.; for about 700 per cent. over the war period, and complaints concerning runaway and immoral girls nearly 100 per cent., or 89 per cent. more than during the war period.

New England, wage reductions have been accepted by workers to prevent the closing down of mills, while other mills and factories are maintaining wages, but running on part time. In a few cases the work day has been lengthened without an increase in pay. While only few attempts to cut wages in organized trades are reported, there has been a decided increase in efficiency and a great tendency to hold down the job and earn the money received.

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