

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 disturbances.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

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, 448 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. Mr. A. Crowe, of the Employment Bureau of Quebec, stated that 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.

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. The 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. Eight thousand returned soldiers in Toronto are out of work, according to an estimate made on Saturday by J. V. Conroy, district secretary.

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COMPLAINTS OF CRUELTY MUCH GREATER UNDER PROHIBITION

Statistics Compiled in Chicago Show Man 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 surliness or abuse of the family."

Drury Discusses the Issue. Premier Drury, in replying to a communication from the Independent Labor Party on the matter of unemployment, points out that the main questions involved in the problem are: 1. The proper direction of unemployment to channels of employment. 2. When wages decrease steps should be taken to force down the cost of living commensurate with the downward trend of wages, and no artificial, financial or commercial combinations to keep up the cost of living should be permitted.

Unemployment in Toronto. "It is practically certain that at least 9,000 men are at present looking for work in this city," said Rev. P. A. Miller, superintendent of the Provincial Employment Bureau at Toronto, this week.

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