

# IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION DURING JUNE

*Reduction in Unemployment  
in Spite of Labour Unrest  
and Return of Large Num-  
ber of Soldiers*

## INDUSTRIES ACTIVE

During June the labour market was very much disturbed by the great amount of industrial unrest that prevailed throughout the country. Disregarding this, however, there was a considerable reduction in the amount of unemployment, which reduction would have been greater but for the numbers of soldiers that returned from overseas during the month, it is stated in a general review of the conditions prevailing during the month in the July issue of the *Labour Gazette*, published by the Department of Labour.

### INDUSTRIAL SITUATION.

In metals and machinery there was a slight decline in employment in the Maritime Provinces and in the West, but a slight increase in Ontario and Quebec. In conveyances there was a fairly considerable decline in the Maritime Provinces and a lesser decline throughout the rest of the country. In foods, tobaccos, and liquors there was a considerable increase in employment, the increase being more marked in the East than in the West. The fruit and vegetable canneries and soft drink establishments experienced the usual seasonable activity. In textiles, clothing, and laundering the activity of the previous month was well maintained and there was a good demand for female help. In the pulp and paper and printing groups there was a further slight increase in employment during the month. In woodworking and furniture the activity of the previous month was well maintained. In the boot and shoe factories of Ontario the demand for help continued, and in the rubber factories employment was very good. In the clay, glass, and stone group there was a decided improvement in all parts of the country when contrasted with the dullness of previous months. Normal conditions prevailed in the paint, oils, chemicals, and explosives group. In steam and electric railway operation conditions varied somewhat, but generally there was a slight increase in employment. Garages were active. Navigation and longshore work was held up on the West coast by strikes. In quarrying there was an increase in employment. The metal mining industry in the Cobalt district was considerably affected by strikes, but otherwise, in the industry as a whole, there was slightly increased activity. In coal mining the depression of the previous month was further increased by strikes in the Lethbridge district. In the building trades employment varied, though generally there was a slight increase over the previous month. In railway construction also there was some increase. The lumber industry continued to be active, operations being transferred from the rivers to the mills. The total amount of employment in the industry was about the same as in the previous month.

### STRIKES.

The loss of time on account of industrial disputes during June was very much in excess of that of either May, 1919, or June, 1918. There were in existence at some time or other during the month 80 strikes, involving about 87,917 workpeople and resulting in a loss of about 1,445,021 working days, as compared with 84 strikes, 77,688 workpeople, and 893,816 working days in May, 1919, and 32 strikes, 11,888 workpeople, and 46,941 working days in June, 1918. On June 1 there were on record 48 strikes affecting 65,129 workpeople. Thirty-two strikes were reported as having commenced during June, com-

# SUMMARY OF THE TRADE OF CANADA

|                                 | Twelve Months Ending June. |                |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | 1917.                      | 1918.          | 1919.          |
| <b>IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION.</b> |                            |                |                |
| Dutiable goods.....             | \$ 509,201,674             | \$ 526,012,577 | \$ 521,375,227 |
| Free goods.....                 | 442,940,959                | 396,169,034    | 348,122,276    |
| Total imports, mdse.....        | 952,142,633                | 922,181,611    | 869,497,503    |
| Duty collected.....             | 158,918,514                | 157,551,535    | 154,696,691    |
| <b>EXPORTS.</b>                 |                            |                |                |
| Canadian.....                   | 1,236,483,259              | 1,468,212,741  | 1,193,037,125  |
| Foreign.....                    | 32,115,204                 | 43,041,534     | 57,701,852     |
| Total exports, mdse.....        | 1,268,598,463              | 1,511,254,275  | 1,250,738,977  |
| <b>IMPORTS BY COUNTRIES.</b>    |                            |                |                |
| United Kingdom.....             | 104,202,775                | 72,230,167     | 75,114,350     |
| Australia.....                  | 775,522                    | 2,324,028      | 4,954,257      |
| British East Indies.....        | 7,148,869                  | 17,707,736     | 14,044,645     |
| British Guiana.....             | 7,613,149                  | 6,201,416      | 7,335,218      |
| British South Africa.....       | 229,336                    | 982,121        | 898,330        |
| British West Indies.....        | 13,938,449                 | 9,730,489      | 8,336,966      |
| Hong Kong.....                  | 1,303,826                  | 2,301,274      | 1,814,207      |
| Newfoundland.....               | 2,171,031                  | 3,010,716      | 2,940,892      |
| New Zealand.....                | 2,170,383                  | 4,025,592      | 7,868,841      |
| Other British Empire.....       | 1,719,002                  | 1,884,093      | 482,606        |
| Argentine Republic.....         | 2,365,729                  | 1,061,847      | 1,043,988      |
| Brazil.....                     | 1,023,556                  | 811,717        | 1,240,325      |
| China.....                      | 1,250,658                  | 1,789,502      | 1,340,244      |
| Cuba.....                       | 912,397                    | 1,499,267      | 4,378,918      |
| France.....                     | 5,945,603                  | 4,683,253      | 4,135,663      |
| Italy.....                      | 1,141,693                  | 709,906        | 467,887        |
| Japan.....                      | 8,919,824                  | 13,174,373     | 13,013,382     |
| Netherlands.....                | 1,216,547                  | 929,690        | 644,548        |
| United States.....              | 771,754,748                | 760,479,788    | 696,806,809    |
| Other Foreign Countries.....    | 16,339,536                 | 16,644,636     | 22,635,427     |
| <b>EXPORTS BY COUNTRIES.</b>    |                            |                |                |
| United Kingdom.....             | 735,363,244                | 806,005,743    | 535,751,834    |
| Australia.....                  | 5,581,155                  | 10,754,786     | 13,355,398     |
| British East Indies.....        | 1,795,244                  | 3,701,167      | 4,579,613      |
| British Guiana.....             | 1,655,292                  | 2,331,999      | 2,361,871      |
| British South Africa.....       | 3,988,550                  | 7,016,224      | 10,492,188     |
| British West Indies.....        | 5,333,193                  | 8,040,533      | 9,648,933      |
| Hong Kong.....                  | 757,325                    | 792,769        | 962,892        |
| Newfoundland.....               | 6,515,280                  | 10,744,286     | 11,859,105     |
| New Zealand.....                | 3,093,563                  | 4,832,145      | 5,698,570      |
| Other British Empire.....       | 2,637,511                  | 2,069,520      | 3,491,065      |
| Argentine Republic.....         | 1,624,966                  | 1,312,462      | 5,492,102      |
| Brazil.....                     | 892,152                    | 1,164,498      | 4,241,624      |
| China.....                      | 381,432                    | 2,200,587      | 2,926,839      |
| Cuba.....                       | 3,353,063                  | 3,859,004      | 5,799,777      |
| France.....                     | 102,403,474                | 175,454,375    | 82,284,878     |
| Italy.....                      | 6,029,372                  | 5,481,287      | 15,047,828     |
| Japan.....                      | 1,227,434                  | 6,115,093      | 11,916,035     |
| Netherlands.....                | 1,403,911                  | 2,233,638      | 1,877,289      |
| United States.....              | 340,425,768                | 403,687,886    | 440,033,496    |
| Other Foreign Countries.....    | 12,020,830                 | 10,414,739     | 25,215,788     |

pared with 69 in May. Twenty-nine of the strikes commenced prior to June and fourteen of those commencing during June were reported terminated, leaving 37 strikes affecting approximately 23,755 workpeople on record at the end of June.

### Tender for Kingston.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Grading and Road Work, Sydenham Military Hospital, Kingston, Ont.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, August 11, 1919, for grading and road work to be done at Sydenham Military Hospital, Kingston, Ont.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, the Superintendent of Construction, 258 Bagot street, Kingston, and the Superintendent of Dominion Buildings, Postal Station "F," Toronto, Ont.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 p.c. of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

By order,

R. C. DESROCHERS,  
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, July 30, 1919.

### Sale of Contractor's Plant.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for purchase of Plant," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, August 18, 1919, for the purchase of contractor's plant.

Forms containing description of the plant and conditions of sale may be seen and tender forms obtained at the following places: District Engineers' Offices, Equity Building, Toronto, Ont.; Shaughnessy Building, Montreal; Post Office Building, Quebec; Custom House, Halifax, N.S.; Resident Engineer's Office,

Old Post Office, St. John, N.B.; and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

The plant may be visited in the River St. Charles, and in the sheds in the vicinity of the C.N.R. Bridge over the St. Charles River, at Quebec.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on forms supplied by the Department, and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 p.c. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to carry out his bid.

An upset sale price has been set upon this plant.

By order,

R. C. DESROCHERS,  
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, July 31, 1919.

War Savings Stamps pay 4½%  
compounded half-yearly.