

BUSINESS CONDITIONS IMPROVE Factories Growing Busier Employers Are Hopeful

Canvass of the Larger Workshops of London Shows that the Depression Will Soon Be a Thing of the Past --- Compass Points in Right Direction.

London manufacturers and businessmen state that there is a noticeable improvement in trade within the last few weeks and are confident that it will continue to improve.

With many businessmen trade is hardly as brisk as it was in 1907, which was considered an exceptional year, but is as much as it was in 1906, when it was very fair.

Following are some of the opinions given to The Advertiser this afternoon:

E. Leonard & Sons.
Mr. C. W. Leonard, of E. Leonard & Sons—Trade has been pretty quiet, but lately there has been a gradual improvement. We are running with our full staff six days a week. At present we are working eight hours a day and will probably continue to do so.

McClary Manufacturing Company.
Mr. J. K. H. Pope, of the McClary Manufacturing Company—Business is rapidly resuming its normal state, and the improvement is plainly felt. A large part of our men are working full time; others from 8 to 5. We are receiving many good orders, and look for further improvement.

G. T. R. Is Busy.
Mr. James H. Gordon, freight agent for the Grand Trunk—We have been very busy lately. For a time things were pretty quiet, but, taking it all around we will have about as good a year as we had last. That is, for London alone. In the whole district around London, however, there is a largely increased business, and traffic is unusually heavy. Wheat shipments are very large. Apples have fallen off considerably over last year owing to the poor crop, but there is a lot of goods moving.

Empire Manufacturing Company.
Mr. Stevens of the Empire Manufacturing Company—Business in the brass manufacturing trade shows a most satisfactory improvement. For several months it has been gradually increasing. We are employing at the present time 100 men full time—that is, five days a week of ten hours, and six hours on Saturday. Orders are coming in well, and I do not think it will be necessary to reduce our hours at all during the winter months.

London and Petroleum Barrel Company.
Mr. Frank Forriest, manager of the London and Petroleum barrel works—We have no complaints to make. Business is perhaps not quite as heavy as last year, but by the way orders are coming in it will soon be normal again.

The Roundhouse.
Mr. J. Hay, foreman of the Grand Trunk roundhouse—We are very busy. At present we have 40 men and busy repairing the engines, and even then they can hardly get them out fast enough to handle the traffic.

The Rolling Mills.
London Rolling Mills—We are not as busy as last year, but for the year we are fairly busy. This is the beginning of the dull season. We are working five days a week of ten hours a week. We have 125 men at work.

The Car Works.
Mr. Thomas Treleven, of the Grand Trunk car works—We are very busy. At present we have on our payroll 437 men, and we are working 50 hours a week. From present indications we will not reduce our staff any during the winter, as there is a continual call for cars to handle the traffic.

Organ Works.
Mr. Manning, of the Sherlock-Manning Organ Company—We were never busier. Our staff at present numbers 60, which is the largest we have ever had, and we expect to increase it next month. We have orders enough now to keep us running full time to the new year, and they are still coming in.

Scott Machine Company.
Mr. P. R. Braddon, of the Scott Machine Company—We are one of the few firms who have not been affected by the depression. During the year we have more than doubled our staff and are now employing 20 men, and for three months have been working every other night until 10 o'clock. We have a full staff at present, and will likely enlarge our premises greatly in a short time. Business is very good.

The C. P. R.
Superintendent Whittaker, of the freight department of the C. P. R.—Our lines are extremely busy, and through traffic particularly is very heavy. Business is continually improving.

The Bolt Works.
Mr. White, of the London bolt works—Business is fair. We are employing at present 75 hands and are working 50 hours a week.

Successful Operation.
The many friends of Mrs. J. P. Brimacombe will be pleased to hear that she has sufficiently recovered to be brought home from St. Joseph's Hospital, where she had been confined for nearly three weeks undergoing an operation which was highly successful.

"I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN LONDON"

Assessment Commissioner Grant Sees a Bright Future for the City.

BUILDING GROWTH IS SPLENDID

Hard Times Stories Find No Place in Mr. Grant's Observations—Some Facts.

"I have great faith in the future of the city of London. In my official capacity, I have occasion to minutely observe the building that is going on, and the steady increase in business, and I have no hesitation in saying that London's future is very bright."

So said Assessment Commissioner Grant to The Advertiser today.

The North End.

In explanation, Mr. Grant said that the number of buildings going up in London belie the stories of hard times. "In the north end particularly," he told the reporter, "very many splendid houses are going up. They are of the \$3,500 variety, and are rapidly improving that growing section."

In South London.

"In South London the growth is very noticeable. Some splendid residences are going up there, while the number of houses averaging \$2,500 is something remarkable. The people are not afraid to build and build right."

"Vacant land in South London is being rapidly picked up, and that section will soon be a comfortable little city in itself."

East London.

"East London continues its bustling progress. New houses are going up everywhere. The factories are becoming busier, and as work improves, houses spring up."

"I am proud to notice the vast number of new houses which have been built, and are being built, east of the city, and south of Trafalgar street, just outside the city limits, but I greatly regret that that section is not in the city."

3,500 People.

"As nearly as I am able to judge, there are about 3,500 people living in the district. I have named, who to all intents and purposes are citizens of London, but who pay their taxes to the county."

Asked as to the prospects of annexation of this suburb to the city, Mr. Grant would hazard no opinion.

West London.

Mr. Grant, in conclusion, referred to the great growth of West London. "Since the breakwater was improved, land has jumped up in value there," he said. "People realize now that that district is as safe as any in the city, and much building has resulted."

"It is a remarkable fact that in proportion to the number of homes in West London, there are more children there than in any other part of the city. There is certainly no race suicide in that section."

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT FORESTER BANQUET

Mr. George Bailey, Supreme Auditor and High Secretary, in This City.

Among the guests of the Independent Order of Foresters at their banquet last evening was Mr. George Bailey, of Antwerp, New York, supreme auditor and high secretary of the Central New York district. While in the city he was the guest of Mr. F. J. Darch, supreme auditor.

At the banquet he made an excellent address, and was given a most cordial hearing. His speech was one of the best of the evening, showing a splendid grasp of his subject and a clear, lucid manner of expressing himself. He will be given a warm greeting among the Foresters should he return to London on some future occasion.

This was his first visit to London, and he was highly pleased with the city.

PROTESTS STRATTON.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—J. H. Burnham, the Conservative candidate in East Toronto at the recent federal elections, has issued a writ against Hon. J. R. Stratton, his successful opponent, alleging the usual bribery and corruption.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Nov. 21—8 a.m.
Today—Moderate southerly winds; fine and mild.
Sunday—Southeasterly winds; fair at first, showery before night.

TEMPERATURES.

	Today.	Yesterday.
London	30	30
Calgary	30	47
Winnipeg	32	28
Port Arthur	32	24
Port Sound	32	24
Toronto	32	24
Ottawa	32	24
Montreal	32	24
Quebec	32	24
Father Point	32	24
Dawson	32	24
Atlin	32	24
Victoria	32	24
Vancouver	32	24
Kamloops	32	24
Edmonton	32	24
Bathford	32	24
Prince Albert	32	24
Qu'Appelle	32	24
St. John	32	24
Halifax	32	24
Minus (—) means below zero.		

SIR CHARLES DILKE'S VIEW

London, Nov. 20.—The American correspondent submitted the data of the Kaiser's interview to night to Sir Charles Dilke, perhaps the highest authority in England on international politics. He examined it with greatest interest, but acted like a man already familiar with the contents. After reading it he said: "Thanks, but I must decline to discuss the Kaiser, his words or his works. On the general subject matter of the interview I can only say that England's alliance with Japan was a policy arranged after considerable thought and consideration. England is in a better position to judge of its efficiency and value than any one else. The observation that by the Anglo-Japan treaty England may lose her colonies is a pure matter of prophecy of which time will demonstrate either the truth or the falsity. As to the 'yellow peril,' the idea is, to my thinking, extremely crude. The 'yellow peril' in order to become menacing presupposes a division of the world into two parts, with all Asiatic nations, forgetting all separating differences and grouping themselves together against a similar group of white nations. The idea of a 'yellow peril' is, as I say, extremely crude. As a man of some experience in national affairs, I will say that the talk of national crises and of war seem to me to have less basis at present than for many years past. There are always some difficulties on the horizon of international politics, but these at present seem less than usually troublesome."

PACKING COMPANY MAY REMAIN IF GIVEN CERTAIN PRIVILEGES

Manager Rechnitzer Would Like to Establish an Abattoir Here in Which All Animals for Food Purposes Could Be Slaughtered.

A conference between the council and Mr. E. Rechnitzer, manager of the Canadian Packing Company, will take place very shortly, probably next week. The question of offering inducements to the company to remain in London will be discussed. The company intend to rebuild, but whether in London or elsewhere depends altogether on the result of the conference. They have received splendid offers from several other places, better, perhaps, than London can offer, but they are anxious to remain here, provided a suitable arrangement can be arrived at.

Depends on Arrangements.

"We intend to rebuild," said Mr. Rechnitzer. "We would like very much to remain in London, but that will depend largely on what arrangements can be made. It is a fact that we have from other cities, much better than we can expect from London, but we like the place, and we would like to remain here."

What Is Wanted.

"We would want a site and plenty of water, not necessarily all spring water, as the cleaning could be done with river water, such as there is in the north or south branches of the river, but the curing would of necessity have to be done with the best water."

BLOODY HANDKERCHIEF FOUND WITH LADY'S HAT AND SATCHEL

Police Thought They Had a Real Sensation for a Time, But Detective Nickle Soon Exploded What Looked Like a Murder Story for a Time.

While on his way downtown yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, Mr. Robt. Ward discovered a lady's hat and handkerchief and a handkerchief covered with blood, lying beside the sidewalk on the grass on Wellington street, near Sydenham.

In the frost, which covered the ground, it was plainly to be seen from marks that a woman had been lying there, and where her head had lain there was a pool of blood.

Reported to Police.

The matter was reported to the police, and Detective Thomas Nickle has been working on the case ever since. In the satchel was a street car transfer, and this afforded the only clue which the detective was able to follow successfully.

Detective Nickle learned that a woman had got on a Wellington street car on Thursday evening very late, and had got out at the corner of Sydenham street.

The Theory.

It is supposed that while trying to make her way home, the woman stumbled and fell, cutting her head, and lay on the ground for some time. In her dazed state she apparently forgot her hat and satchel, which are at present at the police station.

The hat is rather a nicely-trimmed, black one, with a large ostrich feather in it.

The police are holding the property for identification.

Various rumors got around in the north end of the city regarding the affair, and at one time it was stated that a robbery had taken place.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway May Have a New Steamship Line

Would Mean Much Greater Business for Canadian Ports.

When asked if negotiations were under way or pending, neither side would affirm or deny. Your correspondent has authoritative information that several propositions have been put up by the Allans recently, and that an important contract is about to be signed. It is said that plans have been already submitted to the G. T. P. R. of the wharfage accommodation owned or leased by the Allans here at Moncton and St. John, and that Mr. Hays will make a study of this question on the other side as well. The present plan under discussion leaves Portland out altogether, and it is considered most likely that the Allans will withdraw most of their steamers from there as soon as the both companies denied today that Transcontinental begins to haul any agreement had been reached.

NICHOLAS FLANKED BY ARMY WALKS ON PETERSBURG STREETS

Czar of Russia Attends Funeral of Grand Duke Alexis, Walking Three Miles Through the Thoroughfares of His Capital Unmolested.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 21.—The body of Grand Duke Alexis, an uncle of the Emperor of Russia, who died recently in Paris, was interred today in the new mausoleum of the Romanoffs within the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, and Nicholas, the Russian Emperor, followed the coffin on foot through the crowded and silent streets of the capital. His majesty walked thus from the railroad station to the fortress, a distance of three miles. In spite of the apprehension for the safety of the Emperor, there was no untoward incident.

His majesty was accompanied by a suite of 13 grand dukes and 100 generals and admirals. The metropolitans of St. Petersburg and Moscow, and the most prominent bishops of the Orthodox Church participated in the services. The two empresses and a number of the grand duchesses met the body at the railway station, where it arrived from Paris, and followed it in carriages behind the other mourners. The police and military authorities had taken extreme precautions to prevent any terrorist event. The route of march was lined for the entire distance on either side by living walls of troops, which made any attempt on the life of his majesty practically impossible.

Kaiser Calls Britain "Dead One" Will Only Take Egypt From Her

More Hot Remarks From That Suppressed Interview.

New York, Nov. 21.—Some remarks of the Kaiser in the suppressed Century interview not cabled in first report from London are as follows:

"That King Edward of Great Britain had been humiliating him for more than two years, and that he was exasperated; that Germany was the paramount power in all Europe and that England was trying to neutralize that power; that he held France in the hollow of his hand, and that Russia was of no account since the disastrous war she had waged with Japan."

"That if the non-European war, which had been so much talked about, was inevitable, the sooner it came, the better it would be for him, because he was ready and was tired of the suspense."

"That Great Britain had been a decadent nation ever since her victory over the Transvaal, and the Orange Free State, because hers was an unrighteous, ungodly cause, and divine judgment was bound eventually to overtake the powerful nation that waged such a war."

"That in the event of a great war England would lose many of her large colonies, especially those in the Pacific, and that all he would take for Germany would be Egypt, though he would liberate the Holy Land from the yoke of the infidel, presumably meaning the Sultan."

"That the perfecting of the Zeppelin dirigible balloon would give Germany a powerful advantage in war and she was ready to make use of it to the fullest extent."

RUMORED CHANGE OF FAIR SOME TALK OF NEW GROUNDS

Story Says the Directors Are Looking Toward the Vacant Land Near the Coves—Secretary Hunt Says Matter Has Not Been Discussed by the Board.

A persistent rumor, to the effect that the Western Fair board will remove the buildings about changing the site, and seek new quarters, has been circulating through the city, but it is not likely that anything will be done this year.

The property on which the fair is held is very valuable for building and residential sites, and a large sum of money could be realized on it if it were put on the market in lots. But we have not thought of moving. We have some permanent buildings such as the dairy building, for example, and we could not pick up and leave them immediately. From time to time this rumor crops up, but I do not think it will be substantiated for some time yet."

There is another thing. A large number of people complain that there are not enough parks in the city. If the fair grounds were sold that park would be closed, unless a part were set aside by the city. In a few years the park will be the centre of a little city by itself, and parks will be necessary there."

East Enders Favor It.

East End people point out that the present fair grounds are only used two weeks in the year, and that the grounds are a great hindrance to the growth of the city. They would like to see the buildings removed, and a part of the grounds set aside as a park.

Secretary Speaks.

However, Mr. A. M. Hunt, the secretary, says that so far as he knows, nothing has been officially said in the meetings about changing the site.

"There is no doubt that it will come eventually," he said, when asked about it. "The fair is growing every year, and it will soon outgrow our present quarters. There is no doubt, also, that the land in the east end is very valuable, and that a large sum of money could be realized on it if it were put on the market in lots. But we have not thought of moving. We have some permanent buildings such as the dairy building, for example, and we could not pick up and leave them immediately. From time to time this rumor crops up, but I do not think it will be substantiated for some time yet."

Mr. Brodeur Ends Patronage System

Toronto, Nov. 21.—An end of the patronage evil which has existed since confederation has been made in the marine and fisheries service by Hon. Mr. Brodeur, the minister. In an official note received yesterday by Mr. George H. Watson, K.C., who is in charge of the marine department inquiry, Mr. Brodeur says that all patronage lists have been abolished. The purchasing officers of the department are now left absolutely free to buy goods where they can do so most cheaply, irrespective of the political affiliations of the vendors.

Mr. Watson is naturally greatly pleased at the prompt action of the minister in following up the work done to uncover the evils of the system and the improper conduct of some of the officers of the department. He leaves tomorrow for St. John, where the inquiry will be resumed on Tuesday morning.

A Water Scheme Will Be Prepared

No Filtration Vote.
So far as can be learned there is no doubt that the filtration scheme will not be submitted to a vote.

The solution of the water question will be altogether a spring water one, and filtration will not find a place in it, it is said.

A definite announcement will be made early next week.

There are no new developments in the smallpox cases in Dorchester. There are eight cases in one house, and two additional cases. A strict quarantine is being kept. All the patients are doing well.