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LABOR CONDITIONS

Government Reports for the Month of February are Very Encouraging

From the Government report on labor conditions during February we take the following notes on local trade and labor:

The labor market was quiet during February, showing that little change from the previous month. (The building trade was very quiet, more men engaged in this industry being idle than has been known for a long time. In fact all outside employment has been unusually dull in spite of the fact that weather conditions have been unfavorable. In the clothing and dry goods trade, merchants were offering winter clothing and certain lines of dry goods at reduced prices. In the inside trades, labor has been fairly well employed, but on the whole trade in nearly all its branches has been quiet.

Transportation was fairly active, railroad men reporting a good month. Wholesale and retail trade was quiet. Building, bricklayers and masons, carpenters and joiners, lathers and plasterers, stone cutters and builders' laborers were dull. Painters and paper-hangers reported trade quiet, but plumbers and gas and steam fitters were active.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding—Iron moulders, coremakers, machinists, engineers, linemen, boiler makers and sheet metal workers reported active conditions.

Woodworking and Furnishing—Carriage and wagon makers reported trade quiet. Coopers were busy. Printing and Allied—Printers and pressmen were busy.

Clothing—Journeyman tailors, boot and shoe workers were fairly active. Other trades were slack and there was little demand for unskilled labor.

BOOZE GONE TO BLAZES

Hot Scotch Was Quite Plentiful in Robert's This Morning

WATER AS A "CHASER"

Quite a dangerous fire broke out in the ware-rooms of Robert's liquor store this morning, at 8.45. The prompt work of the fire brigade in extinguishing the flames prevented what would have been a very costly fire had it got much further headway.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Robert was at work in the front of the store, when he heard the roar of the flames, which was the first intimation he had of the blaze. The fire had caught in some light, inflammable material and was working its way up the elevator shaft. When the firemen arrived they found every door and window in the building to be closed, thus preventing draft, which was driving the flames up the air shaft. The place was soon filled with suffocating smoke as a result, but the brigade did quick work with the hose, and in a few minutes' hard work had the fire put out.

Had the flames reached the second story it would have been very difficult to have gotten them under control, as they would have passed from there on to the roof, and accentuated by the high wind, the fire would have wrought considerable destruction to the whole block.

The elevator shaft was partially destroyed, and the ceiling of the room in which the fire occurred was slightly scorched. Otherwise the damage was light.

HE LOST HIS WAD

Frank May a Commercial Traveller Has an Exciting Time in Chatham But Comes Out all Right

Frank May, a commercial traveller who represents a firm in Toronto, had rather an unpleasant and exciting time in Chatham the other day.

May lives with his mother in London, and purchased his ticket in that city to come to Chatham. When he got here he registered at the Rankin House, and strolling down the street, dropped into Bennett's cigar store to buy some cigars. When he put his hand in his pocket in search of his pocket-book, he found to his dismay that his money was not there. He was strapped, in a strange city, but worse than that, he had lost one hundred plunks.

The search commenced immediately and Mr. May visited every place where he thought he could have left his money, but to no avail. The money was without doubt gone. Mr. May was about to give up the search when someone suggested that he might have left his wad at his home in London. This was a last hope, but May decided to try. He telegraphed home "collect" and received the glad news that all the time the money was reposing peacefully on his bedroom dresser at his home in London.

The cloud that the young man's face soon disappeared and he went to work with renewed vigor and it is said that he got more orders in one day than he ever got in a week before.

WILL AID CHATHAM

Mr. Cheney, of Windsor, Inspector of Western Ontario Bi-lingual Schools, has written the local Normal School deputation, stating that since Windsor is out of the race for the Normal School, of account of its location near to the border, he would gladly give Chatham any assistance in his power to secure the school. Mr. Cheney says that Chatham and Windsor are the only two locations at which the Normal School would be of any benefit to the French Bi-lingual schools. Mr. Cheney's generous offer is much appreciated by the local committee.

FIRE AT DRESDEN

March 22.—About six o'clock this morning fire was noticed in E. H. Dever's tailoring and gent's furnishing establishment. The firemen were called out and all possible efforts were made to save contents, but almost nothing was rescued. However, the building itself was prevented from going. Cause of the fire is not quite clear, unless the very strong wind fanned the remains of yesterday's fire into a blaze.

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GAVE HIM ADDRESS AFTER MERCHANTS

R. E. Gosnell Formerly Editor of The Planet is Fittingly Honored in Victoria B. C.

The Victoria Daily Colonist of March 11, which has just been received at this office, contains a lengthy article on a meeting of the Conservatives of Victoria, British Columbia. At this meeting Mr. R. E. Gosnell, formerly editor of this journal, now editor of the Colonist, was made the subject of a very flattering address and presentation, for the excellent manner in which he conducted the recent political campaign in that province, through his paper.

The Colonist is a Conservative paper, and the Liberals were successful in Victoria, but judging from the report of the speech made at the meeting, Mr. Gosnell has nothing to regret from the manner in which he conducted his part of the fight.

The following is an extract from the address and Mr. Gosnell's reply as reported in the Colonist:—"It is principally due to your work that we accomplished the task we set before us when we nominated a candidate to oppose the Hon. Wm. Templeman—the task of entering an emphatic protest against the conduct of Dominion affairs in general by the Liberal party, and in particular against the shameful betrayal of our province by that party in the matter of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, a betrayal in which the Hon. Wm. Wm. Templeman, his newspaper, and the Liberals of British Columbia, were the active agents of their party at Ottawa."

"You have immensely strengthened the position of the Colonist in the minds of all fair-thinking men; and you have advocated the true principles of Conservatism throughout your conduct of a clean and manly struggle."

"Mr. Gosnell, in replying, said that next to victory—and in a reverse in a far greater degree—he felt gratified on account of the testimonial of the working Conservatives, for whom the fight had been put up. However, it had been an easy fight, for the reason that there never was a time when there were so many opportunities of legitimate attack; and the hard work and defeat in a good cause were rewarded in the fact that the efforts of the Colonist were so thoroughly appreciated. The good effect of the campaign was exhibited in the enthusiasm of the meeting, which was an augury of victory when next there was a call to arms."

THE MARKET BELL

Complaints have been made lately that the Property Committee are allowing the bell in the old market to stand idle when only \$5 is required to mend it. The Planet interviewed Ald. Potter in regard to the matter this morning, and was informed that it would take over \$25 to repair the bell, also that the Property Committee did not think it advisable to make these repairs until the whole question of what was to be done with the old building was settled.

The coming troubles we worry the most over are apt to be the easiest disposed of when they appear.

"BAB" STILL IN IT

Former Manager of the Tecumseh Lacrosse Team May Manage St. Thomas Boys

The St. Thomas Times, in referring to the prospects for forming a senior team in the Shinty city, has the following to say of Frank Babcock, who at one time managed the Tecumseh lacrosse team in Chatham:—

An endeavor is being made to place a senior C. L. A. team, representing St. Thomas, in the field the coming summer. It is understood that Frank Babcock, of London, who managed the Chatham team in 1904, has secured the promise of the Brantford franchise, and will place the team in St. Thomas, London not being considered a good lacrosse town. Babcock has approached George Stacey, lessee of Pinetown Park, with a view of securing the baseball diamond there, and it is understood matters have almost definitely been arranged, and a meeting has been called for Friday night to discuss the situation and organize. Regarding the proposal to place St. Thomas in the senior C. L. A., the Toronto Telegram says:—

"So St. Thomas would like to take Brantford's place in the senior C. L. A. Well, that's not surprising when you discover that Frank Babcock, of London, wants to manage the team. Frank lived for some time in Orangeville, and that Orangeville air makes most men nutty on the national game. Of course, St. Thomas is a pretty fast town of its size, but its size is hardly up to the C. L. A. standard. If Mr. Babcock could augment his gates by running excursions from London, where he himself 'kapes hotel,' he might get along, but at this distance senior lacrosse and St. Thomas don't look like a well-mated pair."

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Miss Mammie Pritchard, Head St., guessed 2,221 and won the \$3.50 Shoes.

The school children's prize of a \$2.00 pair of Shoes was won by Master Percy Gray, Grey St., on a guess of 2,199.

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