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THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

ACTIVITY IS LOOKED FOR IN CANADA NEXT YEAR

The Abnormal State of Exchange Has Its Advantages—Canada Can Afford to Undersell American Competitors.

Year-end estimates of the industrial outlook in Canada are somewhat varied in character though there is a fairly general consensus of opinion that the coming year will witness a continuance of activity, with strong markets and high prices. From many quarters come complaints as to the shortage of skilled help and the dwindling of production due to the interruption of shorter hours. In industries dependent on other industries for their raw materials, there continues to be experienced an aggravated delay in getting deliveries. Combining these factors with a world-wide shortage of commodities and it is but natural to believe that the period of stringency will continue for some time.

A note of warning, however, is being sounded here and there and that has to do with a possible over-construction of manufacturing capacity. With orders coming in from all parts of the world and with an insistent domestic demand, there is a strong temptation to extend facilities and thereby increase output. Were the expert demand an assured feature, there would be ample justification for extension but some contend that it cannot be counted upon indefinitely and that, with a return of domestic demand to more normal proportions, present capacity is adequate. The problem is a difficult one to solve and much will apparently depend on the ability of Canadian manufacturers to hold the connections which are now being established in overseas markets.

The Trade Returns.

An analysis of the trade returns of the Dominion of Canada for the month of November shows that the total of trade as compared with a year ago, is substantially higher. Imports for the month aggregated \$92,718,270, while exports of domestic products amounted to \$119,413,661, a total trade of \$212,131,931. For November 1918 exports were valued at \$119,161,003, and imports at \$73,390,048, a total trade of \$192,551,051. The fact that exports are holding their own so well is gratifying, especially when it is considered that a year ago munitions of war were being exported in large volumes and this business is now over. The munition shipments have been offset by food products, which were exported to the value of \$40,000,000, in 1919, as compared with \$23,000,000, in 1918; animals and animal products, which showed an increase of \$7,000,000; and lumber and paper, which expanded from over \$13,000,000, to over \$19,000,000. Imports, however, in spite of adverse exchange, have increased practically all along the line and, so far as dutiable goods are concerned, were over \$20,000,000, greater in 1919 than a year ago. But Canada's balance of trade is on the right side and were it only possible to secure immediate settlement for all transactions there would be no trouble with an abnormal exchange rate on New York.

Abnormal State of Exchange.

The abnormal state of exchange at present is not without its advantages. The immense benefit accruing to such exporters as the pulp and paper manufacturers has already been a matter of comment but it has not been generally appreciated that the high rate on New York funds is giving the Canadian exporter just that much advantage over his American competitor in other markets. It is true that it is cheaper to buy than to sell in the British market but Great Britain is so short of

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many commodities that can be supplied from this side of the Atlantic that there is a very strong demand for many products over there. Ordinarily the American and Canadian exporter would be on an equal footing in selling their goods in Great Britain but to-day Canadians can readily afford to undersell their American competitors and still make a good profit. This advantage is being urged as a reason why Canada should go vigorously after export orders at the present time and thus secure a footing before it is too late. Speaking generally, there is strong inducement for Canadians to divert buying orders from the United States to Great Britain and this is being done wherever the goods are procurable from British sources, but, as such change is only possible in a few lines, it will not likely have much effect on total trade, Canada is still, in spite of the high rate of exchange, largely dependent on the United States for many of its requirements.

Welfare Work.

This week's announcement that a Brockville manufacturer had decided to share his year's profits with his employees giving each the sum of \$300, calls attention to the very widespread effort on the part of Canadian manufacturers to make things pleasant for their working people. Welfare work, as it has been called, has become quite general throughout the country and there is scarcely a plant throughout the Dominion in which some form or other of this work has not been introduced. There are wide variations in what is being done. As a rule, however, the principal line of effort has been in the direction of making things more comfortable and sanitary in the plants, providing rest and lunch rooms, first aid service, sick benefits and the like. More recently group insurance, which has not hitherto been permitted in Canada, has been introduced and several companies are providing for their staffs in this way. All this tends to smooth out the kink in industrial relations and renders the menace of constant labor troubles, much less serious. Manufacturers generally are realizing that the old idea of labor as merely a commodity to be exploited is a mistake and that it is incumbent on them to do what they can to improve working conditions.—Bongard, Ryerson & Co., 237 Bagot street.

Back at His Home.

Capt. Nelson Palmateer, Cherry Valley, reached Picton on Thursday morning last, from Montreal, after a very successful season as sailing master on the tug Moccasin, which ran from Montreal to Port Dalhousie. She was 2,700 h.p. and towed two or three barges each trip. This boat is one of the Six Six MacNaughton Co's fleet, and is a good staunch vessel. Although the season has been a rough one, Capt. Palmateer navigated his vessel safely without a single mishap. He will spend the winter at his home, Cherry Valley.

Horticultural Society Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Picton Horticultural Society was held in A. P. MacVannell's office, when the following officers were appointed: Rev. Davidson, president; W. A. Wright, first vice-president; A. G. Wagon, second vice-president; directors, W. J. Carter, Edward C. Garbutt, Miss Nina Conger, Miss Mary Dunkley, J. L. Graydon, Robt. Davison, Mrs. Samuel Pushay, Dr. Gilbert Waite, Maxwell Lepper; auditors, P. C. MacNee, Robert Davidson.

Injured in Blast.

Suffering from injuries received from an explosion of dynamite on the Lanark good roads system, John Alexander, of Perth, was brought to St. Francis General Hospital, Smith's Falls, this week to be operated upon. Anderson was engaged in preparing a blast when a stick of dynamite was prematurely exploded. He was severely cut on the face and both eyes seriously injured. It is not as yet known whether his sight will be affected.

Undergoes an Operation.

Walter T. Ross, Picton's collector of customs, underwent an operation at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. His condition is as satisfactory as can be expected, and the operation is understood to have been successful. Mrs. Ross is with her daughter, Mrs. J. Frederick Wilkin, and their stay in Toronto, of course, will be contingent upon the length of the convalescence period which Mr. Ross finds necessary to take.

River Frozen Over.

Gananoque Journal: The severe weather the past few days has frozen the annual ice bridge across the river here. Few open spots are to be seen, and for the first time in many years there will be skating on the river for Christmas. After what has happened this week, that open winter prospect, as well as his brother, who predicted all kinds of rough and boisterous weather for yesterday (the 17th) are sadly lacking in what was to be according to their stories.

Navigation at an End.

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