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Business Conditions
More Encouraging.

Year-end reports on conditions during 1922 and the outlook for 1923 now being issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association from members in all parts of Canada reveal on the whole a more encouraging situation. There are necessarily variations in different industries, but, speaking generally, the last six months of 1922 have shown improvement, though possibly not as great as some had expected, and there is a disposition to look more hopefully towards 1923.

Among the factors which manufacturers regard as giving occasion for optimism are the gradual stabilization of most conditions affecting business. The great surplus supplies of raw materials created during the post-war boom period have been largely absorbed, and in some lines actual scarcity is developing, which has caused a firming-up of prices. Labor is more contented and is noticeably gaining in efficiency, with wages pretty firmly established at recent levels for skilled labor and tending slightly lower for unskilled labor. Deflation has largely run its course and stocks in the hands of wholesalers and retailers are comparatively low. The big crop, while it has not made money plentiful for general buying, is described as a debt liquidating crop, and it is the general impression that it has served to place business on a much firmer footing. Manufacturers are also deducing better things from the increased activity in the United States, pointing out that conditions in Canada react to those across the line at about a six month's interval.

Against these favorable factors, there are advanced some considerations which tend to prevent any undue display of optimism. Low prices for agricultural products, in comparison with high prices for commodities purchased by farmers, are referred to as a serious deterrent to a return to better business. The disturbed conditions in Europe are still having an unfavorable bearing on conditions in America, and further, it is pointed out by some manufacturers that manufacturing capacity in Canada has been overdone in some lines and that more population is required before plants can be profitably operated.

Prospects For
Various Industries.

Conditions in the iron and steel industry have been variable, some plants reporting a very full year and others stating that they have found business better. There is unanimity in the belief that demand for all lines will be better in 1923, based on the expectation of large orders from the railways for equipment, a continuance of building activity and a general revival among machinery manufacturers, which would occasion a demand for iron and steel.

Pulp and paper manufacturers report an improved demand, especially in the export field, but still find a disposition on the part of domestic buyers to purchase only for immediate requirements. Prices of raw materials have been stiffening and finished goods are now reflecting this condition. The outlook is regarded as favorable and decidedly better than a year ago.

Lumber manufacturers regard 1922 as having been a sort of house-clearing year, during which they have cleared up old stocks. Demand in Ontario and Quebec has been the best for several years, and the United States market has also been active. Great Britain is expected to be again a customer next season and, with a continuance of building in 1923, the outlook is for favorable business in the New Year.

Brick manufacturers and, in fact, manufacturers of building materials generally, have had a busy year, only handicapped by the scarcity and high prices of coal. Demand for all lines of building material has been well maintained and it is anticipated that 1923 will witness a continuance of the demand, as building activity is expected to spread.

Reparations Question
Is Far From Settled.

Despite what progress may have been made toward extending United States aid in composing the reparation disagreement in Europe, there is evidence that much remains to be done before all the interested elements can be brought into agreement.

There is no assurance so far that France will find it possible to agree to a proposal for a United States commission to survey German economic conditions and fix a basis on which a reparations program might be framed.

In this situation, officials in Washington are seeking to minimize as far as possible any direct connection with the discussions in which they have taken part, and to emphasize that in what has been done, they have acted only in an unofficial capacity.

There is every indication that administration officials are much disturbed by disclosure of the commission plan before it reached the state where public and formal diplomatic exchanges could take place on the subject.

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Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

December 29, 1912

Those interested in the Port Edward townsite are applying to the Dominion Government for its approval of the under-taking that is proposed to be carried out there.

A. DuRois, who recently came here to live, is having a fine residence erected on Borden Street.

The first season of the Alaska Whaling Company recently closed with the capture of 315 whales, netting the company an enormous profit.

J. J. Eisenstadt, of the Acme Clothing Co., left recently for an extended visit to St. Paul and eastern cities.

The marine and stationary engineers gave an excellent smoker last night.

The Man in the Moon
SAYS:-

A MATCH is no good unless it strikes and when it strikes it loses its head.

THE new baby generally has the knack of headbanging the whole night through.

A CANADIAN firm advertises cutlase decanters at \$50 a doz. F.O.B. We presume the F.O.B. means full of booze.

MANY a hunter has combed the woods without finding a single hare.

Faith Christmas said to Father Time, "If you'd stop your clock, Business would be fine."

CHARACTER creates confidence.

SEEING a sad looking man at the wedding the guests rushed up, shook hands and congratulated him. He wasn't the bridegroom but was a guest suffering with neuralgia.

AN optimist was the man who gave his boy a drum for a Xmas present.

IT was a mean man who started the fire with the Xmas tree on Monday morning.

The Fourth and Fifth Avenue 830,000 grading bylaw and the \$155,000 street surfacing bylaw were finally adopted at a special meeting of the city council held yesterday afternoon.

ROTARY HEARS
FINE SPEECHESBishop Buno and Dr. Manning
Treated Members at Thursday's Luncheon

It is seldom that the members of the Rotary Club are privileged to hear such able addresses as were delivered at the luncheon on Thursday by Bishop Buno, of this city, and Dr. Manning, of the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Manning also delighted the members with two excellent songs in fine voice.

Bishop Buno took as his subject "Social Authority" and enlarged upon it in an extraordinary manner. He prefaced his remarks by giving a fine word picture of Premier Mussolini of Italy, leader of the Fascisti. Premier Mussolini, he said, rose from the peasant class and gradually assumed the greatest power in the government. He named the party after the ancient Roman symbol of the rod and the axe, punishment and the power of life and death belonging to the rulers. Mussolini's men wear black shirts in contrast with the Communists who wear a vivid red tunic.

Mussolini's rule was one of an accomplished fact, the speaker informed the members. The government was under now but it favored anarchy and the opinion of the speaker was that, if Mussolini had tried to be elected by a public vote, he would have failed badly. This method, Bishop Buno characterized as one way to arrive at sufficient authority for the temporal good and welfare of the nation. "The form of government matters very little," he continued, "no two governments are exactly alike and efficient authority is necessary for man was not made to live alone. However, in any place where everybody does as he likes, nobody does, and where everybody is master, everybody is a slave."

Civil and Divine

Civil authority is divine authority, according to the views of Bishop Buno, and therefore should be respected. The nature of man was to live in society where he was perfected and, although it was repugnant to obey such a power, a man ennobled himself by submitting to the will of God. The bishop opposed the theory that the state should have omnipotent power as its sphere was naturally limited and as individuals were on the earth long before society, they had certain rights which must be given them in order to expand. The state, however, has a right to restrict certain liberties for the common good, the speaker thought, despite the statements of the individualists who took the stand that the state has no right to restrain them in any manner.

"The state," he continued, "has many functions which really do not belong to it such as the public utilities which are for the common good. The public cannot depend, however, on the state to do everything. The state cannot build a city at once." Here the bishop cited the case of the Turkish city of Constantinople which was erected by the Roman Emperor Constantine and which city had been a bone of contention ever since.

Dr. Manning

Dr. Manning, in his speech, told of the revolution taking place in the western universities where the majority of the students are foreign born and who must be taught, during their five year's stay at the institution of learning, the principles of British citizenship and then sent out into the world to treat their fellow beings with British fair play.

It was announced at the close of the meeting that the collection for the relief of the Astoria fire victims taken last week amounted to \$55 which had been sent on.

METHODIST XMAS
PARTY LAST NIGHT

Several Novel Departures Featured Enthusiastic Affair Put on For Intermediate Sunday School Scholars

About 100 young people were in attendance at the Christmas party given last night in the Methodist Church for the Intermediate scholars of the Sunday school. A short program was rendered in the auditorium after which the boys and girls were divided into four groups and taken downstairs to the different rooms of the social hall where games were played for two or three hours, followed by the serving of



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An amendment to the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act provides that insurance may not be granted on the lives of returned soldiers with or without dependents, in a serious condition of health from causes other than war service, or those without dependents, even when impairment is due to service. The amendment, however, contains the following provision:

"Provided that applicants with or without pensionable disability who are so seriously ill that they have no expectancy of life, and who have dependents who are entitled to become beneficiaries under the contract as provided under the Act, shall be insurable under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act, up to, and inclusive of 1st JANUARY, 1923."

Insurance may be granted in all cases where the impairment is due to service and the returned soldier has dependents.

Application may be made at any local office of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, or by mail to Soldiers' Insurance Division, Duly Building, Ottawa.

Applications not affected by the above will be accepted until September 1st, 1923.

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