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CANADIAN CONDITIONS ARE SOUND

Statistical Wizard Is Now Home From Annual Inspection Trip

WAS PLEASSED WITH RESULTS IN CANADA

Many Industries Are Most Active and Have An Encouraging Outlook, He Reports.

WELLSLEY HILLS, Mass., April 7, 1923.—Roger W. Babson has today returned from his annual inspection trip, reports of which have appeared in this paper from week to week. In reviewing the trip in general, Mr. Babson stated that, in any event, business is becoming too rapidly active in the United States. "Everywhere people are talking prosperity, building is booming; prices are again advancing and wages are rising," says the Statistician. "A little of this is a good thing, but too much of it all at once is dangerous. When a patient recovers too rapidly, a relapse may occur. The business men of the United States need to remember the warning of that old capitalist and philosopher—King Solomon—who cautioned the business men of Jerusalem that 'pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.' Personally, I much prefer the more gradual and deliberate manner by which Canada is passing thru her readjustment. We have much to learn from our Northern Neighbor. Today conditions are better in the States, but unless we take care, business will be better in Canada in 1924 than it will be here. "I spent some two weeks of my trip studying Canadian conditions," continued Mr. Babson, "and was very much pleased with what I found. Various factors suggest that the Dominion stands in about the same position in the economic cycle occupied by the United States six or eight months ago. If this is so we must look for Canadian business to improve rapidly during 1923. The farming situation is better and more favorable conditions prevail in trapping and tanning centers of the north woods owing to state of fur market and the plentifulness of furred animals. British Columbia is in a more prosperous position than the Prairies. Its farmers did fairly well last year and the fruit-growing sections had very profitable yields. Lumber demand is expected to develop to quite sizable proportions. Even in the mining towns I look for a fair improvement. In British Columbia business during the spring months should be good. "Canadian sales efforts during the next few months should be concentrated on the eastern provinces. The industrial communities of Ontario and Quebec look relatively the best and even in the agricultural sections, conditions are more favorable than on the Prairies. Mixed farming helped to lighten the load of the eastern farmer. Industrial activity in Canada is estimated to be in the vicinity of 70 per cent. of capacity. Unemployment and short time is still prevalent in some lines. Gold mining is an outstanding exception. This line is fairly busy and is resulting in considerable prosperity in such centers as Fortymine and Kirkland Lake, Ontario. "Industries manufacturing goods for human consumption or covering are perhaps most active and have the most encouraging outlook. The best customers will be found in cities. I have in mind all the manufacturing centers of southern Ontario and Quebec, but especially those producing pulp, boots and shoes, textiles, clothing and food products. In the maritime provinces, a firm foundation is being built for business development. Basic industries are now dull, but I believe that warmer weather will bring decidedly better markets for lumber, fish and other local products. By summer, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia should look nearly as attractive to sales representatives as southern Ontario and Quebec. "Hope Developing. "A more hopeful feeling is developing, however, in the prairie and other agricultural sections. Better prices for farm products are helping the Canadians as well as the farmers in the States. As the Canadian farmer is slower in feeling the good effect of this increase in prices of farm products, he will enjoy it longer. It seems to be a fundamental principle economics that the Dominion lags about a year behind the States both as to action and reaction—decline and recovery. Hence, I say that while today conditions are better in the States, they may be better in Canada next year. Business conditions are much like a storm—they travel across the country in waves. Each section gets the storm; but all do not get it at the same time. "We should be better neighbors to Canada. Some day we must turn to her for natural resources. When our timber is gone, when our water power is all developed, when the price of land here makes the raising of

cattle prohibitive, we must turn to Canada. Besides, the boundary line between the two countries was never made by God—it was made by man—hence, let us not erect unnecessary tariff walls or other barriers. Let us remember that in the long run—the prosperity of both countries is bound up together. For either to prosper both must prosper. We need the other. Let us be Christians in legislation as well as in name. "The Babson chart continues to register the slight inflation to which I have already referred. Today it still stands at 5 per cent. above normal. With the readjustment only 50 per cent. completed, this is not a healthy sign. It is dangerous to raise prices or wages at the present time. Let us have prosperity, but let us not have inflation. Things that have recently occurred in the stock market, the spirit of the boot-leggers, and the general desire for almost everyone to get something for nothing are not healthy signs here in the States. We need more character and less speculation for the moment. It, of course, is true that men make values," concluded Mr. Babson, "but let us not forget that souls make men."

WILL REVIVE GHOST CITY

(By Associated Press)

CLYDE, Cal., April 7.—During the World War the large Pacific Coast Shipbuilding company was established at Bay Point, some three miles from this hillside village. Named for the granite shipbuilding city in Scotland, Clyde was rapidly turned into a beautiful laid-out town. Paved streets with electric lights, a three-story mission-style hotel, many small homes, bungalows and cottages were erected, each a little different in construction and painted in the soft colors of pink, green and yellow.

Bernard Maybeck, the artist, who designed the Palace of Fine Arts at the Panama Pacific International exposition, planned and supervised the construction of the homes for the shipyard employees, and a trolley line brought them from the Bay Point plant. But when the armistice was signed there were no emergency requirements at Bay Point and the mechanics left for other parts. Clyde also lost its markets. The lights went out and the lawns grew shabby and cattle may be observed eating the weeds around the electrolights and the concrete walks. Today there are more than 200 beautiful homes with only nine families in the city. Some of the homes cost \$5,000. However, there is indication that Bay Point is to be revived and that Clyde again will be a city beautiful.

The West Coast Chemical company is establishing a temporary unit at the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding plant and manufacturing is expected to begin April 19. The company, whose headquarters are in San Francisco has secured a tract of five acres in Clyde and construction work on a permanent scale will commence in a few months.

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Business Good With Automobile Dealers

The weather of the past few days has not been favorable to the demonstration of new automobiles, nevertheless sales are reported good among all dealers, who still wear the smile that won't come off.

Interest this week among local dealers has been somewhat divided between local sales and attendance at the Baker Auto Show, which opened Thursday morning. Although La Grande dealers are exceptionally busy, they found time to pay at least one visit to the show in our sister city and all are of one accord in voicing the show a decided success.

More Hups Coming. The carload of Hupmobiles received a few days ago by Harley D. Smith is being unloaded at the Smith's auto shop and reports that another shipment will arrive April 9th. The new Hups are, meeting with general approval, and I predict that they will meet with an unprecedented demand during the remainder of the season," said Mr. Smith.

Cars Are Moving. W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., local dealers in Franklins and Oldsmobiles, report business as highly satisfactory. Chase Bohnenkamp, who is in charge of the automobile sales department says: "When it is considered that we handle Franklins and Oldsmobile cars in connection with our hardware and furniture, and other varied lines, our automobile business has been exceptionally good and the number of sales has been up to our highest expectation. So far we have been able to make deliveries on all models with the exception of the Franklin demi-sedan, but a shipment is now on the road and we will be able to make deliveries before the end of the present month."

Showing New Lincolns. W. C. Perkins, manager of the company which bears his name, local dealers in Fords and Lincolns, informs us that another shipment of cars was unloaded yesterday, consisting of two Ford roadsters, a touring car, and a seven-passenger Lincoln touring car. The new Lincoln will be delivered to a La Grande resident by the first of the coming week, but will be on exhibition Sunday at the show rooms of the Perkins Motor Co. J. D. Joulan and Mr. Dempster, prominent in the motor world, were visitors in La Grande Thursday and spent most of the day at the Perkins Motor Co. The former is assistant manager of the Ford Motor Co., of Portland, and Dempster is the road man for this territory. They are at present attending the Baker Auto Show.

Car of Jewetts Coming. C. W. Hunting and Son report that they have a second carload of the new Jewetts on the road, making two shipments on route. The first shipment is expected to arrive within the next week and the entire lot is reported sold. "We have also wired for another carload of Maxwells," said the Senior Jewetts, and the shipment will be composed of various models. "We are anxiously awaiting this shipment; in as much as will include the new special sedan, which is said to be the latest in the automobile world, in so far as quality of finish and modern conveniences are concerned. Studebaker Wins Classic. Milo Gross, local Studebaker dealer gives us the following performance of a Special Studebaker Six: "A Studebaker Special Six won the Grand Premio of Argentine—South America's most important race of the year—against a field which included some of the world's highest priced cars. "This is the second year in succession that the Studebaker has raced to victory in the Grand Premio. "The distance was from Buenos

Aires to Rosario and return, about 470 miles, and the winner's time, 19 hours, 45 minutes, and 35 seconds.

"Twenty-six cars were entered in the race, and because of the bad roads only 10 entries finished, four of which were Studebakers. "The race is far more than a test of speed—it is a test of sturdy construction and endurance, especially under such driving conditions as were encountered this year. The service to which the cars were subjected was greater than months of ordinary driving and strikingly demonstrates the stamina possessed by Studebaker cars."

More Chevrolets Coming. M. A. Harrison, manager of Blue Mountain Garage, dealers in Chevrolets, reports that he has another shipment of Chevrolets en route to La Grande. The entire shipment is made up of touring cars. "So far we have been able to meet all demands, but if the present rate of sales continues it is evident that there will not be enough Chevrolets to meet the local demand. The new Superior Chevrolet is meeting with unprecedented demand all over the country."

With Cut-Outs Open. S. O. Voorhies, local manager for Southland & Shinn, Buick dealers, is taking in the sheets at the Baker Auto Show. S. O. swore that he would get away from the Buick display long enough to take a peep at the other cars.

An announcement, made by the Ford Motor company, through their local agents, the Perkins Motor company, in the advertising column's of today's Observer, is of especial interest to all and brings a message

relative to a new and easy plan of purchasing a Ford car. The plan in brief is a weekly-payment plan, only five dollars needed to start it off.

A. L. Olson, who says a Ford a day is nothing, was a business visitor in North Powder this week. W. C. Perkins left last evening for Baker to swell the throngs at the Auto Show. He will remain in Baker until Sunday morning and expects to drive a new Lincoln back.

Harley D. Smith, who believes in being an early bird, attended Baker's Auto Show Thursday and reports that the boys of the mining town have staged a real show.

C. H. Full, who likes to tell of the good points of the Maxwell, was a visitor in Union this week, and while there delivered one of the new, Good Maxwells.

E. C. Gettings, county dealer for the Overland and Willys-Knight cars was up from Elgin during the week. Ed reports a satisfactory volume of sales.

M. and Mrs. M. A. Harrison were visitors in Baker Wednesday evening. The auto show had not been opened on that date, so they returned to Baker last evening and attended the show last night.

Chase Bohnenkamp always affords a smile, but when their stock of used cars was reduced to one single car this week, he radiated more than usual joy.

RECORD SCHOOL PLANS APPROVED

(By Associated Press) COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 7.—Plans have been approved and contracts soon will be awarded for the largest school-building program ever undertaken in this city.

The building will include three new junior high schools, with a total building cost of \$750,000 and a total equipment cost of \$125,000. The new schools will accommodate 1700 pupils and possibly 20 additional teachers will be employed.

A gymnasium, fully equipped and with a seating capacity of 1200 will be added to the original high school at a cost of \$100,000 and will include a basketball court 45 by 75 feet, so arranged that it may be converted into two rooms, thus enabling boys and girls to play separately at the same time without interfering with each other.

An addition of four rooms to the Columbia grade school will enable full-day sessions for all grades, some of the lower grades heretofore having been able to attend only a half day, owing to congestion.

About the only way to kiss a girl while driving a car is to have a girl who doesn't mind doing the work.

The world and possibly Mrs. Malloy, is beginning to believe that Mile. Langlen can play tennis.



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GIFTS THAT LAST

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