

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS
REPORT INCREASE IN BUSINESS

One of the Brightest Sets of Business Figures
Reported For Some Time

It would appear from figures issued year ago, when a smaller advance had from time to time by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that a good country just can't be kept down. Reports of increased activity in all ports of business have been issued periodically and now comes out one of the brightest sets of employment statistics compiled in some time.

The Bureau, gathering data from 9,270 firms employing fifteen hands or over, indicates a considerable expansion in employment at the beginning of June, in which most industrial groups shared. The payrolls of these employers were enlarged from \$93,068 on May 1 to \$15,792 at the beginning of June, or by 22,704 persons.

Pronounced advances were reported in manufacturing, the additions to the staffs considerably exceeding the average seasonal gain noted on June 1 in the last fourteen years. The favorable movement extended to practically all classes of factory employment.

In the non-manufacturing industries, there were important increases in logging, mining, communications, local and railway transportation, building and railway construction and maintenance, services and trade.

In six of eight cities for which separate compilations were made, the trend was upward. Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, and Vancouver all showed considerable gains. These cities reported as follows:

Montreal.—Further improvement was recorded in Montreal, where the 1,299 co-operating firms employed 130,353 persons, an increase of 1,305 over their May 1 staffs. Manufacturing, especially of food, clay, glass and stone, iron and steel and mineral products, reported increases, and construction and trade were also busier.

Toronto.—Returns were furnished by 1,382 employers in Toronto with 118,999 persons on their payrolls, compared with 117,439 on May 1. Manufacturing as a whole was brisker; there were reductions in iron and steel and textile factories, but the trend was upward in food, fur, printing and publishing, electrical apparatus and some other industries. Transportation and construction also afforded more employment.

Ottawa.—Manufacturing reported moderately heightened activity of a general character, while construction and trade also showed improvement. The gain was rather greater than that noted at the beginning of June last year; the index was then slightly lower. A combined working force of 13,333 employees was recorded on June 1, 1935, by the 172 co-operating firms, who had 13,035 on their staffs in the preceding month.

Hamilton.—Considerable improvement was noted in Hamilton, where 270 employers reported 29,914 workers on their paylists, as compared with 28,883 at the beginning of May. This increase was larger than on June 1 in any other year since 1922, except 1933. Most of the increase took place in manufacturing, notably in textile, clay, glass and stone and iron and steel plants, while transportation and construction were also rather more active. Employment was brisker than on the same date of a year ago.

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A KNIGHT OF LITERATURE

First poet to be stimulated by the 1885 to 1895, Roberts was professor of hopes wrapped up in Confederation, at King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, teaching English, French and economics. Robert Norwood was one of his pupils. This decade also saw his beginnings in fiction, such as "The Ship. He was the first Canadian successfully to pursue literature as an independent vocation, and remains the most distinguished and representative figure in the profession his example established.

First to mature of our great group of 19th century poets, he helped his cousin, Bliss Carman, to find himself in lyric utterance. Roberts was first in the animal story that has been Canada's unique gift to world literature. He fixed the tradition that New York was the right place for ambitious Canadian writers and, in 1935, led the way back from exile to wear his honors in his native land. He was the first to be awarded the Lorne Pierce Gold Medal for distinguished service to Canadian literature. He is the first patriarchal writer, read and recognized in many distant lands, to live among us, to the awe and delight of aspiring youngsters. Haliburton settled in old England; Carman in New England; but Roberts remarked genially on his return: "In all my travels and years of residence in the United States and England and France, I have carefully preserved my Canadian accent."

That is easy to understand from one of his patriotic beginnings. Born January 10, 1860, in Douglas, New Brunswick, into a Loyalist family and through his mother related to Emerson, Roberts was well schooled in literature by his grandfather, Canon Roberts, a firm supporter of the union of the British North American provinces, and who, in turn, was a son of Professor Roberts of the University of New Brunswick. At Fredericton High School young Roberts came under the influence of Parkin. He graduated in 1879 and began teaching at Chatham.

Genius Blooms Early
Between the ages of 17 and 18 this boy had been writing out of a bursting heart:

Surely I have seen the majesty and wonder,
Beauty, might, and splendor of the soul of song;
Surely I have felt the spell that lifts asunder
Soul from body, when lips faint and thought is strong.
So, in 1880, at the age of 19, "Orion" appeared, a new, bright star in our sky. Lampman, an undergraduate at Toronto, read the little sheaf of poems and wept for joy. Pierce records adding: "At last Canada had become articulate." On they came, those virile songs from a powerful clear intelligence—"In Divers Tones" (1886), "Ave" (1892), "Songs of the Common Day" (1893), "The Book of the Native" (1896), "New York Nocturnes" (1898), "The Book of the Rose" (1903), "New Poems" (1919), "Sweet of the Year" (1926), "Vagrant of Time" (1927), "The Iceberg" (1934). And always, through the strength, the beauty or philosophic profundity, runs the clear consciousness of national destiny:

Of our scant people mould a mighty state,
Father of Unity, make this people one!
He took his M.A. in 1881, and in 1906 received an honorary LL.D. During 1883-4, he edited Goldwin Smith's paper The Week in Toronto. From

Publication of "The Heart of the Ancient Wood" in the same year saw the flow at full tide, and it has continued down to "Eyes of the Wilderness" (1933). The explanation is that in 1897-8 Roberts was associate editor of The Illustrated American, but afterwards gave all his time to creative writing. Popular as many of his books have been—notably "Red Fox" (1894)—rather than the list the additional two dozen that make up the tally, I prefer to indicate their variety by suggesting that some famous productions have been sturdily outlived by their author. "A History of Canada" (1897) is still sound on the early period, but unused now because the book stopped while life went on.

Roberts, at all times phenomenally vigorous, and in youth dubbed by Peter McArthur the Pocket Hercules, was always part of the moving scene. When living in London in 1914, he enlisted as a trooper in the Legion of Frontiersmen. Later he was promoted to commissioned rank in the King's Liverpool regiment and finally attained the rank of major. He wrote the third volume of "Canada in Flanders" (1918) under the editorship of Lord Beaverbrook.

Esteemed at Home
Since returning to Canada to make Toronto his home, lecture and recital tours have taken him to scores of towns between Halifax and Vancouver, so that his personal acquaintance is enormous. Active in all that would stimulate culture and creative work, he has been president of the Canadian Authors' Association, president of the Royal Society, Section II honorary president of the Writers Club. He had been made a member of the Royal Society in 1890, at the verdant age of 30, and three years later was elected to the Royal Society of Literature (London). A number of students at German, Swedish and American universities have won their Ph. D.'s for studies of Robert's work. His silvery-gray hair and beribboned glasses are a familiar sight at public gatherings, and at many private ones, too, for his is a warm nature. On his 75th birthday, a large book was made of the tributes of his friends.

Primarily a pioneer, his literary triumphs have not resulted in any swollen fortune. His cosy but quite small flat at the Ernscliffe is overflowing with books, photographs and other souvenirs of a busy artistic life. He does not, like Edgar Guest, drive a Packard; but in these simple and appropriate surroundings, the once remote Dr. Roberts has become contemporary with a later generation and, to many of them, is "Charles." A title must sit so easily upon him that it is conceivable some will forget the Sir. For he is a great man. Besides his fine mind, and beyond analysis, is a quality of personality that clothes him and his work with dignity and incalculable significance. During more than half a century, he has not only led Canadian literature, but has impressed it with truly national characteristics. The debt a country owes such a man cannot be paid; but all who understand the value to Canada of his career, will rejoice in the official acknowledgement of his priceless services.

May Seek Cancer Fund Assistance
Kingston, Ont., July 20. — Since the public announcement the discovery by Dr. Hendry C. Connell of ensol as a treatment for cancer, persons afflicted with the disease in outside places have begun to appear here for treatment.

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) All growers having two acres or more in potatoes during 1934 or 1935 shall be eligible to vote as to the continuation or termination of the Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Scheme.
- (2) In order to secure a ballot, each such grower is urged to register his or her name and address with the Board.
- (3) The Marketing Scheme is being revised and when receiving your ballot, you will receive a copy of the scheme and a clear explanation.
- (4) A post card or letter bearing the name and postal address and stating whether the scheme and ballot are desired in English or in French should be mailed immediately to:

EASTERN CANADA POTATO MARKETING BOARD,
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- (5) Registration will close with post cards (or letters) bearing post office cancellation stamp dated July 27th, 1935.
- (6) The vote will be taken by secret, individual ballot, to be sent to each grower who applies.