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EDDYSTONE SEES NEED OF MORE HOUSES – Prediction of President Johnson, of Baldwin's, Makes Residents of Borough Sit Up and Take Notice

The prediction of Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, that Eddystone is to boom in the next few years was read with a great deal of interest by those residents of the borough who have at heart the good of the community; as the prediction comes from a man who can be largely instrumental in the booming. Mr. Johnson states that the present force of 4,000 men at the Baldwin plant will be increased in a few years to three times that number, which in itself is a guarantee that the borough must grow. But Eddystone is unable to house more than a very small proportion of these people at the present time, and the demand for houses is such that there is seldom or never a vacant house here. This means that more houses must be erected to accommodate the demand or the prophecy that Eddystone will in a few years be a city of considerable importance will never be realized. The authorities of the borough are in positions of great responsibility in consequence of the fact that the progress of the borough will be either pushed forward or retarded by legislation at this time probably more than at any time in the history of Eddystone.

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