

and all the other obstacles blocking our march abreast with other nations.

Let us not forget that we must begin by the beginning, that is to say, appeal to the child of our small country schools. There are two main reasons for doing so: Firstly, because he will probably have no occasion of going to another school; secondly, because, as we have seen above, he being destined, as a rule, to till the soil, it is the true interest of the community that he be kept in his normal sphere, while increasing as much as possible his personal welfare and efficiency.

Permanent households, composed of a strong and prolific race, such is the solid base to erect. All the rest will come in addition.

And let us remember this saying of an author well disposed towards French Canadians:

"Desertion of the land is a crime against the country, in about the same way as would be the rejection of the language and faith of the ancestors".

LABORERS — EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Next to education as a means to develop agricultural production stand the laborers, the power or instrument used for the execution of the brain's conception.

The scarcity of laborers is one of the greatest handicaps of Canadian agriculture. At certain seasons, the farmers experience such difficulties to find hands, that they actually lose courage. We have seen above how the farm hands have come to disappear, since the general use of agricultural implements and the widespread growing of hay have put an end to their usefulness. A job that gives work for only five or six weeks a year can evidently not be considered as a permanent one. Those who are still filling it are therefore forced to take some other occupation.