

who can work ; I could not, so they did not want me. Now ! oh, I'm landing in £1 12s. 6d. a week, regg'ler money, and I've struck a regg'ler job ; and I feels better in my health than I've done this long while ; and the debts is being paid off, and we'll have something put by for winter—see if we don't. Yes, sir, I like this country ; there's more chance, somehow, for a labouring chap. If you drop out one day, you drop in again the next, on a way of speaking. There aint no anxiety about it, as we used to have at home. We have six rooms, and lets off three, and stands at 5s. 3d. a week, and there's the wife and kids to keep. Food is about the same as at home, and will come cheaper when we get flour by the sack instead of by the pound—for the missis bakes her own bread now. Meat is dirt cheap, and good too. Best steak only 6d. a pound, and ribs for boiling at half that price. Ah, I know ; there's the winter, and I aint been through one yet, and you think I'd better not talk. Well, I won't. But I will say this. I hear on all sides of me that a man who saves a bit and gets forehanded with stores of fuel and grub, can just snap his fingers at the winter—anyway, I'm not afraid, for I've a regg'ler job. But, sir, don't forget this, and when you see working chaps at home, tell 'em straight, men who come out here have to *rustle*, and no mistake. Hours is longer, and work is much harder ; and they work quick like. It nearly knocked me out at first. Now they may work quick as they please, and I will stand to it as well as any. But so many folks come out without knowing this, and either they won't, or they can't, fall in to Canadian ways, and then they goes home and cusses the country ; and that's too bad. For it's a good country for working people, who *can* work, I know it is, and I'll be glad all my life I came out here."

Such were the sentiments of little H. It is easy to understand that £1 12s. 6d. a week—"regg'ler"—was a new life to him.

To form a definite opinion of the condition of working men in Montreal as a whole, it was necessary to see and examine men who had been out one, two, three, and four years. The same story was told everywhere. The country was good for the industrious man, and bad for the "shirk" or the drinker. The winter is cold, and long and hard, and a great deal of work is stopped in consequence ; but, on the other hand, there is a great deal more work going on in the winter than strangers imagine. The fact is, it is very rough hard labour, clearing streets and tramways of snow, &c., and digging sewers, and the exposure to the cold is trying ; and large numbers of men refuse to do it, and prefer to say they are starving, and receive relief from charitable people. If they are thrifty, and their wives careful managers, enough may be saved in summer to enable them to do very little in the winter months. Living, all round, is de-