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## The Claims of the Canadian Architect

In a much more general way than heretofore, sentiment is centering around the principle of utilizing Canadian products and ability in preference to going outside of the country for the commodities and services which enter into our daily life. Up to the present time this has perhaps been more noticeable as regards manufactured lines, and there are still some enthusiastic supporters of this principle in reference to their own business, who fail to recognize the necessity of extending its benefits to other branches of Canadian endeavor. Under the above heading INDUSTRIAL CANADA deals editorially in a recent issue with that phase of the question which affects the architectural and contracting interests. In this connection our contemporary says:

"Every reasonable effort to make the Made-in-Canada campaign thoroughly consistent should be practiced by its sponsors and supporters. It should unquestionably be a well-rounded and comprehensive scheme to maintain and en-

large the business and industrial activities of the nation. Nor should it be limited to the buying and selling of commodities. It is quite as deserving of recognition in the case of the professional man, who is contributing his quota to the upbuilding of the country.

"The business and professional elements come into close contact in the case of the architect. Not only does the architect create, but he also has a great deal to do with prescribing methods and materials. To urge upon him the desirability of using Canadian-made materials in the erection of buildings is important, but it is equally important that the men or companies who are erecting buildings should give a preference to the Canadian architectural profession in arranging their plans. The brains of Canadians are as deserving of recognition as the products of Canadian factories, and when new construction is contemplated, the consistent course to pursue will be not only to requisition the use of Made-in-Canada materials but to insist on the employment of Canadian architects and contractors as well."

Our contemporary looks at the facts of the case logically. If the resources of Canada are to be fully developed, and the country put on an independent and self-sustained basis, it is necessary that all branches of industry and service should be part of a general policy. The manufacturers more than anyone else can best support their own interests by considering at the same time the interests of others within the country. To encourage preference for Made-in-Canada goods and to ignore Canadian ability and service in the designing and erection of the buildings in which these goods are manufactured, denotes at its highest estimate a self-centered and narrow vision which fails utterly to see things in their bigger aspect.

## Regina Architects Form Local Chapter

The Regina members of the Saskatchewan Association of Architects have formed a local chapter with a view to promoting a more frequent interchange of ideas and of giving mutual support and protection to local interests of the profession. Those present at a recent meeting held for the purpose included Messrs. J. H. Puntin, E. Delay, W. G. Van Egmond, H. Dawson, F. Reilly, T. Carmichael, J. Turner, F. Portnail and A. J. Rowley (hon.-sec.).

The meeting was presided over by J. H. Puntin and subjects of interest to the profession were discussed, among them being that of drawing the attention of the public to the advantages accruing, especially in these days of high costs, from the employment of an architect qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Saskatchewan Architects' Act.