

INDUSTRIAL CANADA.

"There's something rotten in the State of Denmark."

Any Canadian who has an insight into the industrial and mercantile position of his country, and cherishes its welfare either from patriotic feelings or because monetary interests are involved, must feel regret at seeing the prosperity of each and every branch of business at a stand still or in a state of stagnation, such as the last two years have brought on. Prospects of an improvement are eagerly looked for, but to an impartial eye are not obvious. The question how did this state of affairs occur, how can it be changed, and where will we be drifting to if no change for the better occurs soon, are matters of serious contemplation. It is the object of the present lines to solve some of the mystery surrounding these questions, and we shall be fully compensated for the difficult task if we succeed in shedding some light on the situation.