

Germany

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The young man who was here ~~in the~~ day called again. He is Charles Charlewood, one of our best graduates in Engineering last year, who just obtained his job with this company through our employment agency last week.

The man with him, Young, did all the talking. He claimed to be "Chief Commissioner Young of the International ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Secret Service" and pulled out of his pocket immediately an identification card with his photo on it. You can judge him for yourself but it surprised me that a man of that stamp would identify himself by such a method and he did not seem to be that kind of a man either. Mr. Finley says he knows that there was an International Detective Agency with an office in Montreal and Toronto; both offices were closed last June and they were, he thought, rather queer.

The whole thing is so vague and funny. Berblinger, the Canadian manager of this company selling Diesel Engines with offices in Dominion Square building, only came from Germany, or anyway to Montreal fairly recently; 3 months ago he employed J.A. Macdonald who was working for Mussels and represented himself to be a graduate of ours. When I asked why they did not verify that he said it was because he came from Mussels.

Then Macdonald represented to Berblinger that he had got a contract of \$90,000 either with or through McGill University for engines, representing that Dean Brown and Professor McKergow were the sponsors of this deal. On the strength of this contract, although Macdonald was drawing a salary of \$40 a week, Berblinger advanced him large sums, presuming he wanted it for entertaining in connection with this contract. I asked why he would advance money without finding out from McGill; he said, oh, that was never done, it might spoil their chances of getting the contract to call up here (~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~)