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FOREIGNERS GET THE PLUMS

It is a matter of regret that, although this country is about to assume enormous liabilities in connection with the building of a transcontinental railway, Canadians are receiving scant consideration at the hands of the railway company, which is to benefit so much from the new road. The Grand Trunk has a number of surveyors working along the proposed line but sad to relate they are all Americans. Canadians are shut out from earning any of the money which this country must eventually pay. The injustice of the situation has been brought to the attention of the Government on more than one occasion but those in power refuse point blank to interfere in any way in behalf of the many capable young Canadians, who at considerable expense and by hard work, have taken courses in engineering. Why should they be ignored for foreigners who come from a country which refuses absolutely to allow Canadians to accept positions from this side of the border. Where is the much wanted Labor Bureau? In the United States the thing would not be tolerated for a moment. The facts of the case seem to be that the Government is helpless in the matter because the Grand Trunk must be allowed as much latitude as it sees fit to take. And the railway is to be called the "National Transcontinental!" If it is "National" the Government should at once put an end to the disgraceful treatment of our own young men.

OUR BUILDING OPERATIONS.

The Windsor Record of yesterday says:

It is now a couple of weeks since it was announced the tender of a Chatham firm was accepted for the new Catholic church. It is generally understood that the tender of the Chatham firm was over \$8,000 lower than the lowest tender from Windsor. As there are several other contracts to be let, the new school and the new Methodist church among them, it is a matter of deep concern to the merchants and mechanics of this city to know how it is that a \$25,000 contract the Windsor contractors are under-bid by twenty-five per cent.

Mr. Euclid Jacques was the lowest tender from Windsor and his explanation to the Record, published some time ago, was that contractors in this city were handicapped by the trade unions. He said the difference in the hours of labor and wages paid here and at Chatham accounted for the difference in the tenders. We can scarcely credit the statement that all the difference between the Chatham and Windsor firms can be accounted for in this way. However, being made by a responsible citizen and experienced builder like Mr. Jacques, who was just fresh from a contest with a Chatham firm it challenges attention. If it is not true then it should be easily refuted, and we think it is up to the trades union of the city to deal with it.

If this difference of twenty-five per cent. in the Catholic church contract represents the difference in building in Windsor and Chatham, the people of this city would like to know it. It is equally important to our mechanics. The other day, a lady having a cottage on Caron Ave. to rent, received forty applications for it within two days. This is a sufficient indication of the scarcity of houses in this city. If the city is to grow, as we all hope it will, then more houses will have to be provided. At present the high price of lots, high insurance and high taxation, does not offer any great inducements for people to invest in houses for rental.

It is generally admitted that rents are high enough now and yet owners of houses do not regard the returns as sufficient inducement to warrant very large additional investment in that direction. More profitable investments are offered them elsewhere.

This is a condition of things that greatly concerns the citizens, and none more than it does the building trades of the city.

HITCHED TO THE WRONG END.

Scottish American.

A year ago a young man went to Canada to learn farming. The first order he received from the overseer was to take a horse and bring back a single-furrow plow. When the young man reached the plow he tried to back the horse into the handles, instead of the more usual way of harnessing it to the "tree" in front. Naturally the space between the handles was too narrow for the horse; so he went back to the overseer saying, "Give me a thinner horse, this one is too fat for the shafts!"

Those who neglected coughs have killed were once as healthy and robust as you. Don't follow in their paths of neglect. Take

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