

From these Black-boards in the Central Office, reports can be sent to the Minister of Immigration, shewing him what classes to invite to Canada and what others to deter from coming. To allow all to come that wish is to have our surplus industries, which already press upon us, increased to a heavy burden, tending neither to our prosperity nor to that of the new comers. Nothing is more important even to ourselves, if no immigration occurred, than to have a clear light thrown on the subject of why it is so many find it difficult to discover a field for their exertions, and why others are stinted in their prosperity as employers, either on farms or in cities, by the want of adequate help or by the high rate of wages.

That things are out of balance and unadjusted is sometimes made evident by some startling incident. In the "Witness" for example, a few days since, there were two advertisements inserted by the same advertiser, the one for a music teacher capable of instructing young children, and the other for a housemaid. To the first, immediate replies came in, numbering no less than fifty-two, to the other at the end of a week there was no response. Such a state of things could not possibly exist if we had a continual index shewing the proportion of supply to demand. If there be two thousand more music teachers in Canada than are needed, surely it is better that they should know it and turn their attention to something else, but instead of this more are continually arriving from Great Britain in the hope of finding a field for their abilities. Again, another painful fact has shown itself, for want of a Central Office, with its black boards, in Chicago. It has been generally known that the city has been half destroyed by fire, and it has been supposed by mechanics elsewhere that there was work for them to rebuild it, consequently they have rushed to it without guidance or knowledge, and are so numerous that the supply is greater than the demand, and they are pawning their tools to buy bread.

Thus we work in the dark, and where prosperity might be continuous we are subject to continual anxiety and to errors of movement to our serious loss while acting to the best of our judgment. We have undoubtedly a large surplus among us of clerks of various kinds, and of men of education without trades willing to be clerks; they continually seek for employment and make interest with their friends who try often to get them into Government situations: but if they could once see the faithful picture on the black board of their own enormous

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