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CANADIAN ENGINEERS.

That the best men available should be selected for work to be undertaken is a truism that hardly needs repeating. The qualifications that make one man more capable than another to undertake a particular piece of work are sometimes hard to define, but because an engineer is resident in another country where the geological, climatic and sociological conditions are different from our own should not be a reason why he is better qualified to undertake to act in a consulting capacity in Canada. Yet so it would appear.

'Tis true Canada is not an old country. We have not engineering structures and engineering literature of our own such as may be found in some other lands. But we have a body of Canadian engineers, informed, capable, and tried, equal to any task this country is likely to require. Many of them are Canadian-born, educated in Canadian colleges, trained in Canadian fields, and familiar with native conditions and materials. Others were educated in foreign lands, and bring to bear upon the new problems of our new country a mind trained by experiences in other countries and stored with the best thoughts of the old masters. With their fellow-citizens of a developing country they accept gracefully the discouragements that come with the present depression, not suggesting that Canadian bankers, business men, or legislators are at fault, nor suggesting that conditions would be improved by calling in consultation men of experience from other lands.

It seems most unfair the discrimination that is being shown against Canadian engineers by Canadian municipalities and corporations. The great engineering blunders in Canada lie at the door of the "imported engineer." Then why continue the practice of going into other countries for expert advice? We have in our own country engineers, well educated, experienced, and capable of undertaking such works as the country requires.

There is no necessity of two of the three members of the New Quebec Bridge Commission being from another country. Toronto can find within the Dominion, if she so desires, three engineers quite capable of acting on a consulting board in connection with the electric installation. This present spasm of "going abroad" is not particularly business-like. The great mass of ordinary business men have no hesitation in trusting Canadian engineers. Why should a few of our corporations hesitate?

TORONTO'S PURE WATER PROBLEM.

Toronto has engaged an eminent engineer to design and construct a water filtration system. It looks as if the citizens were going to build the plant and then decide afterwards whether they required it or not. If Toronto spends \$750,000 on a needless plant, water purification works in other cities, in years to come, will be hard to secure.

Toronto's drinking water has been contaminated by sewage, but whether from Bay water or lake water it has not been shown. The tunnel under the Bay should remove all danger of pollution from Bay water. It is very doubtful whether sand filtration of Lake Ontario water will make it any purer for drinking purposes.