

## UNITED STATES COMPETITION.

The Canadian Manufacturers of Portland cement are taking concerted action with a view to endeavoring to induce municipalities to use only Canadian cement, and have also interviewed the Government to urge a readjustment of the duty. The rapidly increasing capacity of cement manufactories in the United States, and the consequent keenness of competition has resulted in directing the attention of these manufacturers to the Canadian market. Of late a large amount of cement from the United States has been sold in Canada at low prices. The manufacturers here claim that the capacity of the Canadian mills is now about 1,000,000 barrels per annum, and that this quantity is sufficient to supply the home demand. We notice that the city of Hamilton, to which an appeal was made to use only Canadian cement, accepted the tender of a United States firm which was the lowest submitted. This no doubt indicates the course which is likely to be pursued by municipalities generally. The only hope of relief to the manufacturers, therefore would seem to be from a readjustment of the duties. In connection with this it may be said that manufacturers in other lines are feeling keenly the effect

of competition from the United States, and a thorough revision of the tariff, at an early date, would seem to be desirable. If United States manufacturers desire to share in the benefits of Canadian business, they should as far as possible, be compelled to produce their goods in this country. Even under the present moderate tariff many United States manufacturers are finding it to their advantage to establish branches in this country, and if our tariff was carefully revised and readjusted, many more would establish themselves here, thereby increasing the opportunity for employment and adding to the national wealth.

## A CORRECTION.

MONTREAL, March 4th, 1902.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER:

SIR,—In the last issue of the architects' edition of your paper, are two views of Christ Church Cathedral, in this city, the architect for which is stated to have been "John Wells."

The man who designed the cathedral here, and also the one at Fredricton, N.B., was named "Wills," and he died in the General Hospital here before the work on Christ Church was begun.

The building with all its details, was carried out by the late Thomas S. Scott, who was afterwards Chief Dominion Architect.

John Wills was a practicing architect here over 50 years ago. He designed and carried out the Bank of Montreal, with its noble Corinthian portico, the Bank of British North America, and many other buildings both public and private.

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