

Toronto Interests in Danger.

It is no exaggeration to say that just now Toronto's manufacturing interests are threatened with serious danger. The Knights of Labor flourish here, but in Montreal they keep very still, and scarcely a whisper from them is heard. The Roman Catholic Church has condemned the order, and in Montreal the Church is powerful enough to enforce its decrees. Even the old-fashioned Labor Unions, which never engaged in any such extensive movement as the Knights now contemplate, draw it very mild in Montreal, whereas in Toronto and Hamilton they are actually trying to usurp the functions of Parliament. French Canadian work-shop and factory people are as a rule quiet and docile; they do not rush into strikes as those of the British race and language do here. Take the trades altogether the scale of wages is measurably lower in Montreal than in Toronto, while in Quebec City wages are even lower than in Montreal. — *Canadian Manufacturer.*

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