

THE OUTLOOK.

Labor trouble is at present the all important topic in building circles. Although a number of strikes were declared throughout the country, they have in most cases been settled. What promises to be the most serious tie-up—if it comes to that—is the probable strike of the plumbers in Toronto. The employers have definitely stated that they will grant no increases and will sign no agreement with the Union, believing that with the 300 independent workmen at present in the city and the large quantity of immigrant labor available, they can hold out against the demands of organized labor.

The plasterers at Winnipeg are on strike and the carpenters will probably make their demands on June 1st, when their agreement expires. However, labor conditions in that city are not as bad as they might be and it is thought satisfactory arrangements will be made with all the trades.

The strike of the bricklayers and stonecutters at Ottawa is now in its third week and prospects for an immediate settlement are not very

promising. The stone supply firms have closed down their shops and refuse to deliver stone as long as the strike is on. It has been intimated that the brick manufacturers will follow the example of the stone supply firms and refuse to deliver till an agreement between the employers and the men is reached.

The building statistics of the different cities for April have been issued and show the effect of the late spring and in some cases labor

disturbances. Especially is this noticeable in Western Canada, but it is fully expected, now that the warmer weather is approaching, that construction work will go along with a rush. Such is the opinions of the architects, who have

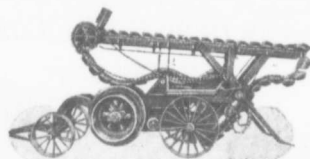
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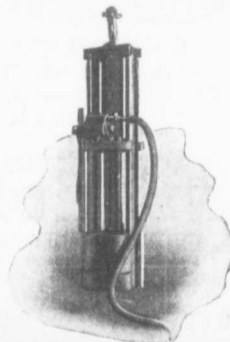
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