

by an experienced man in years. Notwithstanding this, however, Canadian carpet makers have always preferred to educate Canadians rather than to import workmen, and Canada has thereby derived a benefit.

Greater Costs of Buildings and Plant.—As the manufacture of textile machinery is not a Canadian industry, it is necessary that all machinery be imported, and this must continue to be so until the demand in Canada will warrant a home production. The more home factories there are the greater will be the demand for such machinery. Duty, freight, packing and insurance resulting in a machinery cost of from forty-five to fifty per cent. greater than these cost to the foreign makers, have to be paid by the Canadian who would engage in the trade. Reliable statistics show that in Great Britain, from which country the strongest competition comes, the cost of building is at least forty per cent. less than in Canada.

In this erection and fitting up of carpet plants, engineers who make this their special business have to be employed, and, as they have to be brought from abroad under heavy expense, costs in this direction are fully three times as much as have to be borne by the makers in Germany, Great Britain or the United States. Being distant from the makers of machinery, the Canadian makers are obliged to carry a stock of supplies fully double what is really necessary in the countries where the machinery is made, and this means the tying up of capital as well as extra expenditures in freight.

Owing to the Canadian climate, heating for many months of the year entails a heavy expenditure for fuel with which the foreign maker is not obliged to reckon, to say nothing of the fact that the cost of coal in Canada is considerably greater than it is in Great Britain.

Owing to extra investments necessary in a carpet plant the value discounts for depreciation are at least fifty per cent. in excess of what they are in Great Britain and the other older manufacturing countries.

Wages in Canada for the ordinary factory help amount to about double of what they are in Great Britain and in Germany. To retain competent men in a carpet factory in