

FEW LABORERS THIS YEAR SEEKING RAILWAY WORK

C.P.R. HAS LARGEST PROGRAM YET FOR WEST—FEARS A SHORTAGE.

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Montreal, April 24.—“The program of construction in western **Canada** this year is the largest in the history of the Canadian Pacific, and we have never seen so few laborers looking around for employment.”

This statement was made to-day by Mr. Baillie, head of the C.P.R. labor department.

“As yet,” he said, “the west has made no demand for construction laborers, and there are now quite a few waiting around the bureau for employment, but I fear when the demand does come the supply will be far short.”

This time last year, Mr. Baillie said, it was a daily occurrence to see fifteen hundred men waiting in the courtyard outside the employment office, and this year there is only a scattering of **foreigners** to be seen in the vicinity of the place.

“This state of affairs is wholly due to European affairs at the present time, and what the outcome will be there is no foretelling.”

The great mass of European laborers are either remaining in Europe for actual war purposes, or they are prevented from leaving owing to the situation of the money market.