

RANKS OF UNEMPLOYED ARE GROWING RAPIDLY

CONDITIONS GREATLY CHANGED
FROM THOSE OF A YEAR
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There can no longer be any doubt that building operations in Toronto are shortening up, for the ranks of the unemployed in the city are being speedily augmented.

Last year at this time, and, in fact, during the entire winter, there were few carpenters or woodworkers unemployed. The winter of 1912 and 1913 was one of the best that local mechanics and laborers have ever enjoyed, and for that reason there was less call on the organized charities than usual, the demands upon them being in most cases on behalf of foreigners and immigrants who had been induced by unscrupulous immigration agencies to come to **Canada** at the most inclement season of the year.

To-day things have materially changed. Already thus early in the season there is a growing army of the unemployed, and it does not consist of immigrants or **foreigners**, but of native-born Canadians or British subjects who have been in the country for years. Therefore, if things show such a tendency when climatic conditions for outdoor work are so favorable, there is apparent certainty that the coming winter will be one of the worst, so far as the wage-earners are concerned, that the Dominion has ever passed through.