

IN YOUR REPLY

IMPERIAL CHINESE TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILWAY.

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face joints & no particular bond
 & plaster the joint afterwards
 then throw in all sorts of rubbish
 for backing & plaster that over
 all face stones that have not
 parallel beds are blocked into
 place by shalls & a big void is left
 with no mortar. No headers
 are used but plenty of "dummy
 headers" & "shiners" & triangular
 stones. Of course we rip out most
 of this & try to get good work but
 with 9 or 10 structures being built
 at one time its pretty hard for
 one man to get decent results.
 & unless you see every stone laid
 the presumption is that there is
 something wrong about the work.
 They know more wrong ways
 of doing masonry than anyone
 at home could think of. You see
 they've been doing it for several