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Visit to the Centennial Exhibition.

In our last issue we informed you that we had been unwell. Our doctor recommended a journey as a restorer of health. The dose being a pleasing one, and one of duty, and the trip having been previously contemplated to enable us to speak from personal observation, we determined to take his prescription. A rare opportunity was offered us to accompany the Press Association. Our better-half, who also aids us in placing this journal in your hands, and, like most farmers' wives, never had taken a long pleasure trip, accompanied us, and was, as you may expect, highly delighted with the journey. Our party took tickets from the Erie Railroad Company, via the Erie and Lehigh Valley Railroads, to Philadelphia, thence to New York and return by the same railway, on a different route. The party consisted of about 60 members of the Press Association and 12 ladies. We reached Buffalo by Canadian railroads and boat. Mr. Gould, the obliging manager of the Erie Railroad, accompanied us, and made everything as pleasant as possible. We left Buffalo about 11 o'clock on Friday night. In the morning we found ourselves speeding our way through the most enchanting scenery we have seen in the U. States. A river flowing by our side, a narrow plain on each side, the distant hills covered with trees, and fields of grain and pasture extending a great distance and ascending to a great attitude above us. This beautiful scenery alone is worth the journey. The train at different places is almost running into the mountains; at others it is winding along the curves in the form of a snake. Small islands in the river attract the attention. The continued changing scenery is so grand and pleasing that one almost wants four sets of eyes to see it. The view as the cars approach the summit of the Alleghany Mountains is extremely grand. The crops along the line are most places looking well. Some fields near Philadelphia and beans. We were surprised to see such produce there.

some at the Buffalo end of the line were not very luxuriant. We arrived at Philadelphia about 6 o'clock on Saturday evening. The party principally stayed at one hotel, although some found much cheaper accommodation. In the city good, comfortable board can be had from \$5 per week to \$5 per day. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we went to the exhibition. To attempt to describe it would be utter folly, suffice to say that we were most agreeably surprised. No description that we have read, no illustrations given, are at all capable of conveying to the mind the grandeur of this exhibition.

The beauties of works in silk, gold and wool, linen, cotton, China ware, engravings, paintings, tapestry, etc., etc., enchanted our companion so much that we could scarcely move her from the enchanting scenes, and left her to admire them while we paid more attention to machinery and the rougher productions of the soil and machine shop.

We met several that have been to the other world's fairs, all admit that, as a whole, this exhibition is the largest and best that has ever taken place. The arrangements are most complete; the the order and conveniences for the public comfort were never better arranged. A person can see anything and everything he desires, and that of the most improved description. The different halls and buildings are of such a size that nothing but the sight of them can convey a proper idea of them. All the space is well filled with articles. There is ample room for all that may go there; we saw no crowd at any point, although we were there during the days that one would expect to find it crowded. We did not see a drunken person while in Philadelphia, nor did we hear of a theft, no doubt there were such cases to be found. Canada makes a good display, and the Americans have given her good positions.

It is interesting to pass through the departments of Britain and the British possessions from all parts of the world, and to find all our sister colonies competing for honors and fame at this great American exhibition. The different nations of the earth are nearly all well represented here. To describe fully the display of any one of the colonies, or any one of the foreign States, would fill our journal for years.

The British colonies make grand display. The Colonial Governments have appropriated public moneys for such a purpose. Great Britain made no public grant for the exhibit, therefore England's glory is not displayed. Only a few private persons exhibit at their own expense. For instance, the world-renowned steam plows that are only made in England, and are used in America, are not to be seen at this exhibition. We hear the reasons stated thus:-America will not admit our manufactures to her markets, but they will copy and steal our improvements; therefore we will not exhibit at her exhibition.

Neva Scotia exhibited good corn and horse

from that part of our country. Prince Edward Island 'sent excellent samples of wheat, oats and barley. Mr. John Harvey & Co., of Hamilton, exhibited 83 samples of Canadian wools, but good as this display is Australia exhibitors far surpass us in fineness of quality. A great deal of the Australian wool appeared nearly as fine as silk.

The oats exhibited by New Brunswick were of quite a superior quality, while her display of the mineral productions of the colony told of her great undeveloped resources. The mineral department of all the Canadian provinces was something marvellous.

Our apparently insignificant sister colony, British Columbia, astonished us by the display of wheat, which was far finer than anywheat we had ever seen before. We thought Australian or Californian wheat would have surpassed that of other countries, but we award the palm to British Columbia. Perhaps our award may not be borne out. We were also much surprised when shown a specimen of wild tea and wild hops from Manitoba. The hops had a fine smell and the tea a good flavor. They may both indicate future wealth from our vast uncultivated domains.

Mr. McDougall, the Canadian Commissioner at Philadelphia, kindly invited the Press Association to a repast on the evening of the 3rd of July. About sixty ladies and gentlemen partook of refreshments at his residence, after which toasts were drank and short speeches made. Mr. Perault, the Secretary of the Quebec Advisory Board, and the Honorable Oliver Mowat, the Premier of Ontario, and Mrs. Mowat, were present. Mrs. Mowat paticularly merits the thanks of the ladies for her kind and lady-like attention to them. The evening passed very pleasantly to all.

The New York Press Association treated the Canadian Press Association in a most cordial and friendly manner.

We shall speak of what we have seen occasionally in future numbers. For the present we must say to our readers, or those of you that can spare \$40 or \$50, by all means go and see for yourselves: take a ticket by the Erie RR. via Lehigh Valley route, and you can return by New York at a very small additional expense. You will find it the best expended money that you have ever spent. Do not be selfish, take your wife, or your daughter or sister with you; they richly deserve a holiday. If you have no such relation take some other person's sister with you. We do not advise people to run into debt to go there; but there are hundreds of our readers that have thousands saved that some thankless heir may fool away. To such we say go; see, learn. It is without doubt the most useful and the most beneficial school that has ever been opened, in which all may learn. It is a duty you owe to yourself, to your family, to expend as well as to hoard. Go to this grand, pleasing, ennobling school if you can afford it. This year you have the opportunity, and you never will have such another. We have been you never will have such another. We have been so much pleased with it that we hope to go again if we can afford it and spare the time. We would if we could afford it, take every one of our family