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A New Standard for Fairs

THE Toronto Industrial Fair of 1903 marks a new era in the history of exhibitions in Canada. A standard has been set up that will be hard for future fairs to live up to. While it was a Dominion exhibition and received generous aid from both the Dominion and Provincial Governments, it was in reality Toronto's great annual fair, conducted on a broader and larger scale. It was none the less deserving of outside assistance on that account and well represented in fact as well as in sentiment, what Canada's great resources are capable of producing. Visitors to Toronto last week cannot but have a more intelligent grasp of what the Dominion of Canada really is.

But what of the future? Can the standard which this year's exhibition has set up be maintained? We are inclined to be optimistic on this point, and believe it can. There has been nothing in the conduct of the fair just closed that cannot be repeated and in many instances improved upon. The largely increased receipts this year will enable the management to carry out several improvements in the grounds and equipment that, notwithstanding what has already been done, are urgently needed. With this further improvement will come increased interest and larger patronage for future exhibitions. Whether outside assistance is received or not, the aim of the management should be an annual Dominion Exhibition for Toronto. The city and its citizens will reap a rich reward by so doing, while the country at large will be greatly benefited.

As to further improvement a suggestion or two just here may not be out of place. While the dairymen were agitating for a new building the fruit-growers and florists were content with the somewhat out-of-date and inadequate quarters in which their exhibits had been placed. But now that the dairy and other interests are supplied, the fruit and flower men feel that their needs should be given some consideration by the management. At one of the directors' luncheons it was suggested that a large new building be erected for fruit, flowers, and agricultural products, consisting of a central section with a large dome and four wings or annexes, one for each interest, and a fourth for demonstration and lecture work. We quite approve of some such combination, but would suggest that honey be substituted for agricultural products. It would make a more attractive display

and is more in the same class with fruits and flowers. A properly equipped building with these three departments suitably arranged would make one of the most attractive exhibits on the grounds. A live-stock pavilion, where the judging might be done under cover in case of rain, is also badly needed and we hope to see something of this kind erected in the near future. The stockmen, who have so nobly stood by the Toronto exhibition for many years past, deserve it.

Perhaps we should not close without a reference to the unsavory actions of one or two exhibitors in the horse department. All

Farmers' Handy Book.

Every farmer and stock man in Canada will be interested in our forthcoming "Handy Book." We have at present a staff of editors and special writers busily engaged in its preparation, and the indications are that the book will be one of first importance in its own field.

The Farming World in preparing this volume for its readers is determined that no subject of practical interest to farmers shall be omitted. It will, in every sense, be an up-to-date cyclopedia of farming and stock raising. The book is new, and is being prepared by us for our own Canadian people.

Further announcement as to its contents, etc., will be made shortly.

exhibitors should be on the same footing, and should be made to comply with the rules or suffer the consequences. It is not fair to outside exhibitors that city exhibitors in the same class should have the privilege of withdrawing their horses when they saw fit. All the little dodges that some of these exhibitors are up to if not watched would hardly be credited, such as sending in a blank entry, the name of the animal to follow later, as soon as it is known what other exhibitors are going to show. This and kindred practices should be frowned down upon by fair managers and every exhibitor made to live up to the letter of the rules and regulations. It is only by so doing that unscrupulous exhibitors can be kept in check and the straightforward fellow given a fair show.

Want Dominion Road Division

On Sept. 17th and 18th next, a deputation representing the Eastern and Western Good Roads Association, the Union of Canadian Mu-

nicipalities, Canadian Wheelman's Association, and the Ontario Municipal Association, will wait on the Government at Ottawa to ask for the establishment of a good roads division for the Dominion.

The establishment of such a division is well worth the favorable consideration of the Government. While large sums of money are being expended every year to improve the canals and railways of Canada, comparatively little is being done, especially outside of Ontario, to improve the common highways. A Dominion division giving special attention to the work would aid much in carrying out the same kind of work as is now being carried on by the National Good Roads Bureau at Washington.

There is a strong feeling in the country that the Government should take action in this matter.

A large number of the leading cities and towns in Canada have passed resolutions asking the Dominion Government to establish such a division. Besides, it meets with the unanimous approval of every organization directly and indirectly interested in the improvement of our highways. The movement has much to commend itself, and we trust it will meet with the favorable consideration of the Government. Nothing that can be done should be left undone in the way of improving the public highways of this country. It is just as necessary for a country's development and progress that there should be good roads as that there should be good railroads and other transportation facilities.

System in Horse Breeding.

Every farmer should read carefully the article elsewhere in this issue on horse-breeding in Belgium. The writer of this article, Baron de l'Epine, is quite high up in official agriculture in Belgium. He was a member of the High Commission on Agriculture of Belgium at two different times and administrator of the Belgium Department of Agriculture at the Paris Exposition in 1900 and is consequently in a position to speak authoritatively in regard to the subject upon which he writes. Through the courtesy of the Dominion Live Stock Commissioner we are permitted to publish this article which should do something to stimulate better breeding methods in Canada.

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