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## LONDON COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

The exhibition from the English colonies and India, which takes place in London next year, is intended to be a fair representation of the progress and condition of each dependency in the arts and manufactures. This will be specially interesting to the British people, but can serve no very useful purpose to the separate exhibitors as an advertisement or otherwise. But the good it will do each colony cannot be overestimated as a telling advertisement, while at the same time it will break down much of the ignorance, prejudice and superstition which prevails in the average English mind as to the capabilities of the colonies.

Under these circumstances it is only just that the governments of each country should liberally assist individual exhibitors, otherwise the result will be a failure, but we are glad to know that all the expense of transportation to and fro will be met by the respective governments, and, besides, every assistance will be extended to satisfactory place and manage the exhibits during the exhibition term.

Canada, perhaps more than any other colony, should be able to make a most satisfactory showing, first, because she is nearer to London, and, second, because the condition of many of her industries are nearly on a par with England and the United States. But it is very doubtful if Canada will respond to the invitation as thoroughly and promptly as the promoters of the scheme intended, not only because of the reasons advanced above, but because Canada's great commercial interests are, as far as manufacturing goes, linked with her own internal trade, and in great measure identical with her American neighbours in the States.

We regret that Canada is not likely to give an exhibit equal to the occasion of satisfying John Bull of her independent capabilities; those that require this awakening can just spare the time to cross

the pond and convince themselves that Canada is not an uncivilized portion of the North American Continent, and like the old Scotch lady who was asked what were her impressions of Canada, said, "Na they are more civilised here than I expected to find them," they will doubtless be surprised to see us making our own cotton and woollen goods, building our own steamboats, locomotives, railway cars, bridges, etc., etc., also steam engines, boilers and machinery of every description.

No doubt Canada might easier convince and educate the average English mind in London than any where else, provided a direct advantage was to be derived, but this view of self-interest unfortunately is the all prevailing one with manufacturers, and unless Canada can be convinced of some special advantage in exhibiting she is not likely to take to the scheme very enthusiastically.

Sir Charles Tupper, who deserves well of his countrymen, is doing his best to induce parties to send over their exhibits, and it is to be hoped that notwithstanding the objections which are urged by individual exhibitors, that many from patriotic motives will yet be found doing their share to uphold the honour and reputation of the Dominion.

It is a question of national importance and national gain that Canada should either undertake the work thoroughly or not attempt it at all, and as such an opportunity in the life time of a nation seldom occurs, it is only proper, now that space has been allotted and large expectations expected, that Canadians will sink minor objections and send exhibits to London that will create a lasting and favourable impression on the English mind, and to this end we counsel all true Canadians to lend a willing and helping hand.

## IMPERIAL AND COLONIAL FEDERATION.

The subject of Imperial Federation does not seem to be making much practical headway and the prospect for some practical solution of the problem is as far off as ever. The theory of uniting under one government all the English dependencies is certainly a grand theory, but until it proves itself likely to suit the aims and aspirations of all parties concerned it will remain a dead letter.

Both political parties in the old Country recognise the difficulties in the way and merely express them-