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THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

It goes without challenge that all of the annual fairs of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association are unqualifiedly successful; and that which closed so auspiciously last week was in strong evidence as proving the rule. During the year important extensions of some of the buildings had been made, great improvements made to and upon the grounds, and many facilities provided for the comfort and convenience of both exhibitors and visitors that had not been before noticed. Within the past year Canada has developed a new and large industry—the manufacture of bicycles—and the management of the Fair, quick to realize the importance of it, and to add to the attractions of the occasion, made a considerable enlargement to the Carriage Building in which the first general display of

Canadian made bicycles was ever shown. Our judgment in this matter is, however, that the entire Carriage Building, enlarged as it has been, is none too large for a proper display of carriages, etc. and that another and more modern building should be erected for the exhibition of bicycles. The Main Building, too, is entirely too small to accommodate the ever increasing number of would be exhibitors, and it seems inevitable that the whole structure should be remodelled and enlarged, the impression prevailing that if this were done, and the floor space be extended to at least twice the present capacity, every foot of it would be in demand. The necessity for such an enlargement was evident in the fact that a very capacious canvas tent was required to accommodate the overflow of exhibits that could not find locations in the Main Building.

Whatever may be said regarding the desirability of enlarging other buildings, and erecting new ones, all manufacturers exhibiting in Machinery Hall, and all visitors interested in such exhibits, are unanimous in the opinion that the accommodations provided for the display of heavy machines and machinery, dynamos, motors and electrical appliances, are entirely too small and badly arranged to afford exhibitors the space and conveniences for displaying their products that they are entitled to. It is no small undertaking for a manufacturer to bring heavy and intricate machinery from a distance, bearing all the expense thereof, and requiring the presence of skilled attendants, and then find that the foundations upon which he must place his machinery is entirely too light and insufficient, not to say in some cases unsafe for his purpose. We have knowledge that some manufacturers who would have otherwise made most attractive exhibits in Machinery Hall declined to do so for reasons here specified. The management of the Association quite fully appreciate the importance of having the manufacturers of fine and expensive machines display their products at the Fair, but they should understand that a leaky, insecure building that may have been sufficient for the needs of ten or a dozen years ago does not meet the requirements of to-day, and they will do well to immediately proceed to the erection of a large, well lighted, strongly built hall, with suitable foundations, to take the place of the present structure.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

The Dominion Board of Customs have made the following decisions, which have been approved by the Controller of Customs, and under the provisions of the law are now operative:—

Medicinal Wines (so-called), viz:—"Amer Kina Camperdon," "Armour's Nutrient Wine of Beef Extract," "Wincarnis Wine," "Vino du Salud," "Vin de Vial," "Vin de Barbier," "Vin de Chevrier," "Vin d'Anduron," "Vin de Rancio," "Vin St. Michael," "Vin St. Raphael," "Vin Mariana," "Esperit d'Comemille," and others of like nature, \$2.25 per gall. and 30 p. c., Item No. 7 (b).

Jewelry, what shall be classed as:—Brooches, Scarf and Breast Pins, Belt and Skirt Pins, Baby or Lace Pins, and other pins of metal (except hat pins) when for the adornment of the person, 25 p. c., Item No. 343.

Pins, which shall be classed as:—Hat Pins, Hair Pins Knitting Pins or Needles, Stick Pins and Safety Pins (common), 30 p. c., Item No. 309.