

now for several years been quite incapable of accommodating the increasing traffic. The situation is made the more urgent by the desire of a third line, the James Bay Railway, now under construction, to enter the city, Toronto being its proposed terminus.

The great fire of last April provided an unexpected solution to the difficulty. A large area almost adjoining the present station premises, to the east, was among those devastated, and the railway authorities at once saw in this their opportunity. Application was made for the right to expropriate this land for a station site, and the matter was for some months under discussion by the Railway Commission. Some opposition was naturally met with, but an order was finally passed late in October authorizing the expropriation of the land, subject to certain conditions. The most important of these conditions was the erection within three years of a new station building, to cost at least a million dollars, and to be shared by the three railway lines entering Toronto. Work on this is to be begun within one year. Toronto will thus have the finest railway station in Canada and one of the best in America; while the fact that three companies, one of them not yet ready for business, have undertaken this immense enterprise, speaks much for Canada's railway progress.

Prizes for Good Farming

ANYTHING that will encourage the Canadian farmer in the development of his great natural industry is to be received with hearty approval. It has been found that favorable tariffs, good markets, and improved transportation facilities are not the only encouragements which can be thus extended to him. Improved methods, increased education, and continued experimenting have also much to do with strengthening the farmer and making his labor count for more in a national sense. For instance, the introduction of the cool-curing method in cheese-making has almost doubled the cheese exports in five years.

One of the earliest means adopted for giving an impetus to farming enter-

prise was the local fair, which has continued in favor for many years. That it has fairly accomplished its purpose, by its system of annual prizes, cannot be denied, but it is now asserted by the Ontario Superintendent of Fairs that there are too many such local exhibitions, and that they must in future be reduced to two for each county. The deficiencies of the system, as a real benefit to the farmers, are apparent. As a partial substitute, it is proposed to inaugurate annual good farm competitions, which would be to the farmers what the popular flower-garden competitions are to the city people. By this plan prizes would be given through the agricultural societies for the best farms in the counties; the winners would compete for better prizes given for the best-kept farms in districts consisting of groups of counties, and the successful ones in this class would in turn compete for the prize given for the best farm in the province. This plan has been tried in Quebec for the past twelve years or more, and with much success and practical helpfulness to the farmers. It is probable that a beginning will be made in Ontario next summer.

The World's Peace

ONE of the historic transactions at St. Louis, shortly before the close of the Fair, concerned the world's peace, and has attracted much attention in different countries. At a session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in that city a resolution was passed that the several governments of the world be asked to send representatives to an international conference, at which should be considered especially the negotiation of arbitration treaties between the nations represented, and the advisability of establishing an International Congress to convene periodically for the discussion of international questions.

At Boston a few weeks later, at the thirteenth annual conference of the International Peace Congress, this resolution was heartily endorsed. In accordance, and under the call of President Roosevelt, a world's peace conference will be convened as soon as possible, though it probably cannot be