

well be cultivated in some secluded dell or ravine, away from almost the heart of such a large and populous city as Toronto is, to the end that the arts of peace, in which the manufactures and other important industries of the country might be displayed and encouraged. The rifle butts should go and the ground occupied by them turned over to the Exhibition Association.

A year ago, in speaking of the Industrial Exhibition, we called attention to the fact that the Annex, which had been erected to accommodate the overflow of exhibits from the main building, had become congested, and suggested the erection of another building for that purpose, or a considerable enlargement of the Annex. This has not been done, and the demand for it is more emphatic than ever. Other buildings have been overcrowded, and were again this year, a part of the overflow gravitating into the Annex, where they certainly do not belong, to the great inconvenience of exhibitors whose displays properly belong there. This fact is very noticeable as regards the stove building. There has been an imperative demand for very much more space than is afforded in this building; and it is safe to say that if the accommodations were provided, the displays of stoves, heaters, furnaces and similar apparatus would occupy, at least, three times the space now devoted to them. If ground space cannot be had for an enlargement of the stove building it might be carried up another story, thereby doubling the space. The enlargement of Floral Hall was much needed, and the new addition is commodious and pleasant; and numerous other changes and alterations about the grounds afford increased comfort and accommodation. If the Association could obtain possession of a part of the Garrison Common, it is likely the race track and horse ring would be made to occupy it, thereby affording much relief in that direction. The present accommodations are entirely too contracted; and should the change be made it is to be hoped that the Association will provide more comfortable seats for spectators, and greatly enlarge the seating capacity. More room within the horse ring would afford the crowds opportunity to witness the inflation of the balloons and their ascension, instead of sending them up as is now done from an obscure and inaccessible space behind the stables and byres. Agricultural Hall seems to be sufficiently capacious for the purpose for which it was intended. It is always filled with machinery which compares favorably with any manufactured anywhere else in the world, and which certifies that Canadian manufacturers of agricultural machinery and farm implements know their business. The Carriage Department, however, is entirely too small to accommodate all the exhibits that manufacturers would like to display.

We regret to have it to state that Machinery Hall has presented a rather forlorn appearance. Many of the exhibits of fine and expensive machinery that in former years made this department one of the most interesting and instructive on the grounds were conspicuously absent, and those which were there were spread over much more space than necessary for their proper display. In fact, this feature of the exhibition was a failure. This journal has for years called the attention of the managers of the Association to the fact that the Machinery Hall was entirely too small and ill adapted to the purpose for which it was intended, and that, while other features of the fair were given very much prominence, the manufacturers of

iron and wood working machinery and kindred lines were left to shift for themselves, with but meagre encouragement for putting themselves to a great deal of labor, expense and time each year, in their endeavor to make Toronto's great fair the success it certainly should be. It is true, the management caused a very small addition to be made on the south side of the building in which to present a cat show, but we protest against the idea of such a snide entertainment being produced in connection with the products of the best artisans and mechanics of Canada, or in an annex to the building appropriated for their displays. Exhibitors of fine and valuable machinery do not consider that cat concerts are desirable advertisements in their business, or that those whom they would like to inspect their displays are likely to be attracted to them by such meretricious means. We hope the cat concert will not hereafter be a prominent feature at Machinery Hall. We have said that this building was too small to contain the exhibits of machines and machinery that should be displayed there, and this would be a pronounced fact if proper and sufficient attention were paid to this class of exhibitors. If a change, and a very pronounced one, is not to be made in this direction, there need be no additions and improvements made in Machinery Hall, for it will be but a matter of very short time when manufacturers of such articles will cease to be exhibitors there, and the building could be surrendered to cat shows and fakirs; but if the suggested change is made, and proper encouragement is offered to induce manufacturers to exhibit their products, it would be found that a building very much larger and very much better arranged would be required for the purpose. Will this plan be adopted? We hope so.

The membership of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association is composed of gentlemen representing several of the more important industries of Toronto and the Province of Ontario, with large representations from the City Council and the Toronto Electoral District Society, though just what this society is or the objects of its existence the general public do not comprehend. It is true that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is represented in the list of members; and it is also true that members of the Association are also directors on the Industrial Exhibition Board, but not because of their connection with the Manufacturers' Association. In fact, this Association has no representation on the Industrial Exhibition Board, and has no voice whatever in shaping the policy of the Board, else Machinery Hall would not present the appearance it has during the fair closing this week. The management of the Exhibition Association seem to be desirous, to a certain extent, of encouraging such manufacturers as are included in the membership of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, or some of them, to exhibit their products at the Toronto Fair, but the intensity of this desire may be gauged by the conditions surrounding Machinery Hall; and we suggest that the fair managers should either mend matters in the direction here indicated or announce distinctly that such exhibits would not be made a prominent feature in future exhibitions. In the absence of a pronounced declaration in this matter by the fair managers the conclusion will certainly be drawn that no efforts are to be made to encourage such exhibits.