

The practical working out of the past Exhibition, would indicate to us the desirability of appointing as one of the officers of the Association, a person to be known as "Superintendent of Grounds." His duties should begin about a week or ten days previous to the opening of the Exhibition: he should see that the buildings are all ready for the reception of the exhibits; receive and attend to the proper placing of all goods sent by express, and see that the various exhibits are located in accordance with the classification decided upon by the Committees of the Board. He could attend to the collection of charges for space, and in a variety of ways be of assistance to the Manager at a time when the latter's duties as Treasurer fully occupy his attention. Mr. J. L. Skirrow, who performed similar duties to these at the last Exhibition, to the entire satisfaction of your Board, would be a good man for the position.

The Board have much pleasure in testifying to the manner in which the duties of the officers of the Association, viz., the Manager-Treasurer and the Secretary, have been discharged by those gentlemen. It might have been expected that for the first year some difficulties might have occurred from a want of experience, but such was not by any means the case. On the contrary, the important and laborious duties of both departments have been carried out to the entire satisfaction of your Directors, and greatly to the advantage of the Association.

In conclusion, the retiring Directors would direct the attention of those who may succeed them, to the advantages which followed the daily attention, during the Exhibition, of the several Committees of the Association to the important duties devolving upon them, as in a great measure the success of future exhibitions will depend on the facilities offered to the exhibitors, and that prompt and energetic action, which is sometimes called for, and which can only be effected by the daily attention above referred to. We would venture to express the hope that the success which has attended the labors of the retiring Board will prove an incentive to those who may succeed us, to make the Industrial Exhibition of Toronto known all over the Dominion and beyond, as "Canada's Great Fair."

H. J. HILL, *Secretary.*

JNO. J. WITHROW, *President.*

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