

that those who represent Canadian manufacturers will strongly protest against any change in the tariff."

"We are in entire sympathy with the tariff preference to Great Britain, and would favor a further reduction upon British goods, as we feel that we would be willing to sacrifice whatever effect this would have on our business for the further cementing of the British Empire. We would be in favor of a higher tariff against American goods, as in times of depression we feel very seriously the effect of their using Canada as a dumping ground."

"We are of the opinion that the Dominion Government would be benefitting the majority of the manufacturers by a further reduction in duties on British goods. We would like to see free trade between the two countries."

"If a further reduction of duties be made in favor of Great Britain it would not hurt us nor any of the large army in this country at work in the various lines similar to ours. On the contrary, we are of the opinion that a reasonable reduction on British materials would help us and many other of the more important industries in Canada. Most of our more important industries are well fixed and prosperous. As far as we have discussed the present tariff with other manufacturers, including those of every shade of politics, the opinion is general that the tariff as it now stands is better than ever before for nine-tenths of all the manufacturers of the country."

"We are not sure that a further reduction in duties in favor of Great Britain would be directly opposed to our interests, as our products do not come in competition with British manufactures to any great extent, while on the other hand we use materials made in Great Britain. We are in favor of protection to our manufacturers and opposed to the reduction of duties, and would rather not see any disturbance of the tariff."

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

The Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, was incorporated by Act of the Ontario Legislature on March 11, 1879, under which an organization was had which included twenty different bodies with sixty representatives. Since then additions have been made so that at this time there are ninety-four members representing thirty-five bodies. The associations, societies, etc., embraced in the Industrial Exhibition Association, and the numbers of their representatives are as follows:—Toronto City Council, 14 members; Toronto Electoral District Society, 12; Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, 1; Ontario Society of Artists, 2; Lumbermen's Association, 2; Educational Department of Ontario, 2; Ontario Poultry Association, 2; Commercial Travellers' Association, 3; Dominion Millers' Association, 1; Toronto Horticultural Society, 2; Toronto Board of Trade, 3; York County Council, 3; Canadian Manufacturers' Association, 5; Toronto Poultry Association, 2; Toronto Natural History Society, 2; Canadian Institute, 2; Ontario College of Pharmacy, 2; Ontario Veterinary Association, 2; Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, 2; Butter and Cheese Association of East Ontario, 1; Butter and Cheese Association of West Ontario, 2; Clydesdale Association of Canada, 2; Shire Horse Association, 1; Hackney Horse Association, 1; Canadian Horse Breeders' Association, 2; Dominion Short Horn Breeders' Association, 2; Dominion Holstein Breeders' Asso-

ciation, 2; Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association, 2; Canadian Jersey Breeders' Association, 2; Hereford Breeders' Association, 1; Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, 2; Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, 2; Toronto Gardeners' and Florists' Association, 2; Dominion Draft Horse Breeders' Association, 2; Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, 2; Toronto Educational Association, 2. Total, 94.

This distribution gives 3 members to the agricultural and allied industries; municipal, educational and similar interests are represented by 25 members, and manufacturing and commercial interests by 14 members.

There are at present 19 members of the Board of Directors, distributed as follows:—Toronto City Council, 2; Toronto Electoral District Society, 5; Toronto Horticultural Society, 1; Toronto Board of Trade, 2; Canadian Manufacturers' Association, 3; Toronto Poultry Association, 1; Ontario Veterinary Association, 1; Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, 1; Shire Horse Breeders' Association, 1; Dominion Short Horn Breeders' Association, 1; Gardeners and Florists' Association, 1. Total, 19.

This distribution gives 12 members to the agricultural and allied industries; to municipal interests, 2 members, and to manufacturing and commercial interests, 5 members.

In the opinion of Mr. Thorn, who is one of the representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, there should be a new deal in the selection of directors which should apportion them as follows:—Toronto City Council, 5; Canadian Manufacturers Association, 5; the agricultural and stock breeding industries, 5; the Ontario Society of Artists, 1; the Fruit Growers, 1; Gardeners and Florists, 1; the Natural History Society, 1; and the Toronto Trades and Labor Council, 1. Total 20.

A BAD OUTLOOK.

The Mail and Empire publishes a most lugubrious editorial calling attention to the outrageous taxes about being imposed upon the taxpayers of Toronto. "Upwards of twenty-two mills on the dollar," it says, "is the astounding rate that will have to be levied to raise the portion of the revenue that is this year to be raked off the general assessment. It is time that some voice should be raised in the name of the public to forbid the City Council starting out on this scale of confiscation." This augurs badly for the vote of \$160,000 that the directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association and their friends hope to obtain from the city of Toronto to enable the construction of additional buildings and the rejuvenation of the old ones upon the Fair Grounds in anticipation of the four weeks of solid enjoyment they hope to present to the public next year. The management of the Exhibition is in incompetent hands, according to Mr. J. O. Thorn, who has investigated the matter in the interests of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and who tells us that unless some radical changes are made and a great deal of money spent upon necessary improvements, a very large number of manufacturers who have heretofore exhibited their products there will hereafter be among the missing. What is to be done? We are face to face with an imperative demand that the fossils on the Board of Directors shall, some of them, give way for live men who will manage the business on different principles than have prevailed for some years past, and we are told that unless large sums of money are spent as indicated,