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Art at Western Fairs

"LOVERS of Art" in the north-west cities of Winnipeg and Calgary approached the executive committee of their Exhibition Associations, and asked for an exhibition of pictures on the same scale and standing as are seen at the exhibitions in the larger cities of the east, to which request the committee readily assented. The work of collecting the pictures from the artists and arranging them in the galleries at Winnipeg and Calgary was entrusted to Mr. Edward O'Brien, of Montreal, who displayed fine judgment in selecting the pictures, of the Continental Schools of Art, and the beautiful examples of our own Canadian Artists whose works show the marked advance art has made the past few years in Canada. This being the first art exhibit held in Calgary, the exhibition company erected a dainty up-to-date "art gallery" to display the pictures to best advantage.

The collection comprised two hundred and twenty paintings, which included a special "loan collection" of one hundred paintings by Master Artists of the Continental Schools, among which were canvases by Van Wicher, Weiss, Rip, Steelink, De Hoog, Van der Weele, Scherrewitz, Van Essen, Gromp, Weissenbruch, Westerbeek, Maris, Goupil, Gorter, Landelle, Frere, Zamacois, Van Couver, Storck, Koek-Koek, Kuhstohp, Pulinx, da Pozza, Tarengi, Simoni, Spinetti, Corrodi, Bosboom, Wolter, Midy, Laborne, Chintreuil, etc., also works by W. B. Leader, Heywood Hardy, Birket Foster, Edwin Hayes, J. J. Inglis, Dorothy Tennant, J. Orricks, W. A. Gibson, J. N. Noble, W. Manners, etc.

In the Canadian section of the galleries were exhibited the works of Wm. Brymner, president R.C.A., F. M. Bell-Smith, E. F. Boyd, F. Brownell, W. H. Clapp, Maurice Cullen, E. Dyonnet, A. M. Fleming, J. W. L. Forster, J. C. Franchere, C. A. Gagnon, Clara S. Hagarty, J. Hammond, W. E. Hunt, M. N. Hooker, Z. M. Kilpin, Helen G. McNicoll, Laura Muntz, G. A. Reid, Mary H. Reid, G. Horne Russell, W. St. G. Smith, W. A. Sherwood, F. A. Verner, H. H. Vickers, Mary E. Winch.

The art gallery was the centre of attraction of the exhibitions and the pictures gave the thousands who viewed them, a pleasure far beyond their expectations.

In years to come much of the art shown at western fairs will be made in the West. That land has more big subjects going to waste than have ever been put on canvas. The old half-breed colonies and the fur-post towns will soon be clean gone out.

Maritime Province

Union a Good Thing

THE success of the movement which has been launched at Charlottetown, P.E.I., looking to the union of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, might have an important bearing on the growth and progress of the Maritime Provinces, and possibly, some influence on the Dominion as a whole. The initiative was taken at the annual convention of the Maritime Boards of Trade last week, when resolutions were passed in favour of a union of the three provinces, and requesting the governments of each to nominate delegates to a conference for the discussion of terms. One of the arguments advanced in support of such a union is

the absurdity of a territory embracing three provinces with interests identical, and a population of only 893,953, being governed by three legislatures with a total membership of 138, while Ontario with its population of 2,182,947, sends but 98 members to its Legislature. As at present divided, the three provinces down by the sea consider it necessary to employ 23 cabinet ministers, while Ontario has a cabinet of eight, and three honorary ministers, and Quebec manages to get along with seven. A union such as that proposed should be the means of saving two-thirds of the present cost of legislation and administration—an important consideration.

The Maritime Provinces have been growing in the past few years, but not so rapidly as other provinces. Their relative lack of progress has resulted in a reduction of their representation in the House of Commons from 43 in 1875 to 35 after the last census. Union would give Canada one strong province down by the sea in place of three comparatively weak ones.—*London Advertiser.*

But Maritimers are Indifferent

MARITIME Union, for some reason, has an alluring sound and the subject has a remarkable attraction for some people, particularly for delegates to Maritime Board of Trade meetings. But, alas for the comfort of these advocates, the people of the provinces have failed to display much real interest in the question as to whether or not these three eastern provinces should be made one. Thus far in the Canadian confederation the Maritime Provinces have had an important part. Their public men have been prominent in Dominion affairs. Their opinions have borne weight. Generally speaking, business has been good here in the east and some of our manufacturers have held places of some importance in the industrial life of the whole country. But now the far west grows astoundingly in commercial, industrial and agricultural extent and in its influence in public affairs. It must continue so to grow for some years to come. As the west develops there will be more and still more likelihood of Maritime Union becoming a subject for serious consideration by the people of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. But until the overshadowing of eastern influence and affairs by the west becomes more apparent or becomes detrimental to the welfare of the east the people are not likely to become much concerned as to union, so far as can be seen now.—*Sackville, N.B., Tribune.*

Pinhead English

BY the extraordinary contortions of her neck he concluded that she was trying to get a glimpse of the back of her new blouse; by the tense lines and scintillating flesh about her hips, he concluded that her mouth was full of pins.

"Umph—goof—suff—wuff—sh—ffs pog—uff?" she asked.

"Quite so, my dear," he agreed; "it looks very nice."

"Ouff—wun—so—gs—phu—muf—ugh—ight?" was her next remark.

"Perhaps it would look better if you did that," he nodded; "but it fits nicely as it is."

She gasped and emptied the pins into her hands.

"I've asked you twice to raise the blinds so that I could get more light, James," she exploded. "Can't you understand plain English?"

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