

MR. TARTE SPEAKS

Canada Treated Unfairly at the Exposition.

PRESIDENT LOUBET

Wanted to Enter Canada's
Pavilion Through a
Side door.

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The British and Canadian press have made various comments upon Canada's demand for national recognition, as put forward the other day through the Canadian Commissioner at the Paris Exhibition, the Hon. J. Israel Tarte, who is, of course, the Minister of Public Works in the Dominion Cabinet and one of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's chief colleagues among French-Canadian statesmen. The question is one of so much public interest in view of the larger place Canada is now taking in Imperial life, that we asked Mr. Tarte to favor us with his views. This he does in the following terms:

"For the thorough understanding of the case to which you allude, it is necessary to give you a short history of what has happened here in connection with the Exhibition.

When I came to Paris as Chief Commissioner for Canada, I found out that our country was not recognized as a self-governing country. We were not accredited directly with the French authorities. There was a widespread discontent among our exhibitors and among the members of the staff. Delays and annoyances of all kinds had made the position very difficult. I immediately remonstrated with the Royal Commission, and through Lord Strathcona I called the attention of Mr. Chamberlain to the unfairness with which we were treated. The Secretary of State for the Colonies understood the position at a glance and through his good will and speedy intervention I was accredited directly with the French authorities.

I am afraid that some of the English officials in Paris did not see my action with much satisfaction. I do not include in this category Colonel Jekyll, whom I have always found a perfect gentleman. This morning I read in *Le Matin*, a French newspaper, that Mr. President Lincoln was going to visit the Trocadero Palace. I had not been notified by the French authorities, who I may say immediately set me together in the wrong. Had I known of the preparations to receive the President of the Republic, while the

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In other words to inflict an indignity on a country which did not submit to such a proceeding in any other country; and a business which was not our duty, to add to our scandalized behaviour. It was played. It was played at the Castle if Mr. Pitt was the Queen. It was only myself, and Englishmen as it was only

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