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NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK

Our readers will note the announcement last week of the preparations being made for holding the Fourth Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Montana. The session will be held three days, October 26th, 27th and 28th, and in the call just issued by the Secretary, "all nations are invited to participate." Such gatherings are of value, just in the proportion to which we take advantage of the opportunities they offer. Every community which takes a lively interest in passing events of the nature offered in the sessions of the Dry Farming Congress, can receive a benefit commensurate with the effort expended. We have always maintained that the farmers in and around Cardston have the Cream of the Country, a contention which is borne out by the yields from careful tillage of the soil, and that, too, without irrigation. Of course, ours is not an arid region, but the absence of irrigation places us in the class of Dry farmers.

It is due to the local association that some action be taken which will enable us to have a representation at this important Congress and not only that, but an exhibition should be made of the products we have, typical of the wealth of the soil and climate with which we are blessed.

A signal honor has been conferred upon the district through the choice of that stalwart champion of Alberta's possibilities, Mr. T. H. Woolford, as a member of the Advisory Board for the coming congress. Add to this the daily press reports that Mr. Woolford has been appointed a Commissioner by the Provincial Government and that will mean that we are to be fully and ably represented.

It will now be up to the farmers to show what can be done, so, looking to this end, let a careful selection be made of the very best we can grow for our local fair just one month before the congress is called, then the best we have can be sent south. A provision is being made by the Alberta Government for the taking care of the exhibits and the transportation of the same. The choice which fell upon our townsman, Mr. Woolford, was well made. No better man for the position he is called to fill could be found, nor one whose knowledge along the lines of mixed farming, is more extended. He is practical and thorough, two qualities which go a long way toward the success which has crowned his efforts. The farmers can rest assured their interests will not suffer in the district representation. We make the suggestion now that steps be taken at once in the Cardston association to have the ablest man appointed to second Mr. Woolford's efforts.

Canada's Exposition

Winnipeg, August 19, 1909.
Canada's Exposition Committee is busily plugging away to complete the work which shall put the Exposition project into shape for another presentation to the Dominion Government in the fall. At the time of the first presentation of the Committee's memorial, Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked for more detail; requested the committee to produce figures of cost of other expositions, derived from

authoritative sources. Sir Wilfrid also asked the Exposition Committee to find out definitely what the Western provinces will do towards supporting the Exposition, and, to meet these very reasonable requests made by the Premier, the Exposition Committee is diligently at work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FAVORABLE.

In pursuance of its search for definite information, the committee delegated Mr. A. L. Johnson and Mr. C. N. Bell to wait upon the British Columbia Government to ascertain just what the big Western province will do in support of the Exposition. British Columbia has been favorable toward the project from the start, and the very great importance of having a complete exhibit from this province has been one of the foremost things in the minds of the Exposition Committee. The conference had by Messrs Johnson and Bell with Premier McBride, at Victoria, last week, lacked finality, but only for the reason that a full attendance of the British Columbia Cabinet could not be obtained at that time. The same sharp interest that has been shown all along was manifested, and a definite answer promised as soon as it is possible to deal with the matter at a meeting attended by all the members of the Cabinet.

GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO B. C. EXHIBIT

The Exposition Committee—while not unmindful of the importance of other provinces—is very strongly impressed with the great variety of products that may be assembled by British Columbia and the unlimited natural resources of that province, distinctive and separable as they are from those of the prairie and eastern provinces.

Although the Exposition is not a finally settled thing, and cannot be until the Dominion Government gives its official sanction, the feeling that it will surely take place in 1912 is so strong that many plans are being made with the Exposition in view. Fraternal and other organizations that will hold conventions in 1912 are already looking toward Winnipeg as a central meeting point, and the West as a general objective. Three of these associations, the Knights of Maccabees, the Christian Endeavor Association, and the order of Scottish Clans, have taken action leading to such an event, within the week.

WILL EXHIBIT AT TORONTO

For the first time, Winnipeg may put an exhibit in the big Toronto Exhibition, to be held during the middle and latter part of September. This is a matter that has been taken up by the Exposition Committee and arrangements have been practically completed by the city for sending such an exhibit East. This exhibit will be made in response to an invitation from the Toronto Exhibition Board, and a representative of the Exposition Committee will be sent to Toronto, also, for the purpose of introducing the 1912 Exposition to the people who attend the Toronto Exhibition. The Manitoba Government did not see its way clear to make a provincial exhibit at Toronto this year, but the part which Winnipeg will probably take in the big Eastern event will do a good deal toward bringing the East and the West closer together, and toward that better acquaintance which the Exposition project seeks to promote all over Canada, and with the outside world as well.

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA INTEREST

During the week, visits to Winnipeg were made by Mr. Mark Cohen, a leading editor of of Dunedin, New Zealand, and Dr. F. W. Ward, editor of the Daily Telegraph, of Sydney, Australia, and conferences held by the Exposition Committee with these gentlemen, make it highly probable that both New Zealand and Australia will make extensive exhibits at Canada's Exposition. Both Mr. Cohen and Dr. Ward

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spoke in the most laudatory terms of Canada and the West, and promised to use their best endeavors toward securing the endorsement of their respective countries for the Exposition.

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