

of stuffed and preserved specimens of Canadian fishes and marine invertebrates, which by its completeness, its range, and its classification, so fully illustrated this great source of Canadian wealth. The Department of Railways and Canals supplied that colossal map of the Dominion, prepared under the direction of Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, which has contributed so largely to a knowledge of our vast and fruitful expanses, and of the ease with which they are reached. These matters in which the Federal Government took the lead will be treated at length in their proper order. I have thought proper to mention them here in a brief and collective form.

The Federal Government also sanctioned the formation of a committee, of which His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne graciously consented to take the chair, for the purpose of making the best possible collection of the works of Canadian artists. The labors of this committee revealed an advancement in art surprising in the present stage of the country's development, and full of promise for the future.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS.

The Provincial Governments assumed the representation of the educational systems of the several provinces, and, as already stated, supplemented the efforts of the Federal Government in securing a successful agricultural display. The Government of Ontario also took charge of that exhibition of dairy produce which has so much extended our already extensive trade in this branch. The Government of New Brunswick was honorably distinguished by a very beautiful and comprehensive display of the woods of that province. The various provincial exhibits will receive due notice in their proper places.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITS.

In the classification which I have adopted in arranging the exhibits and framing the catalogue, I have followed what appears to be the most natural order; taking in the first place the three kingdoms of nature and the industries connected with the adaptation to our uses of the resources they provide; then those manufactures which supply the needs of a more highly developed social condition; and, finally, subjects connected with mental and æsthetic culture. The outcome of this plan is the following simple classification:—

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