

favor. The Dominion Government has sent a trade commissioner to Central and South America, to look over the field presented there for trade with Canada and it is expected that his report will soon be published.

QUEENSLAND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

It was brought to the notice of the Board in April last, that an International Exhibition was to be held at Queensland Australia, and a request was made by the Canadian Commissioners that an exhibit of the products of Manitoba be forwarded. The matter was taken up with Mr. Greenway, but upon enquiry being made, it was learned that any exhibits sent would not arrive in time for the opening of the Exhibition, and that the cost would be very great, so it was dropped.

CUSTOMS DUTY ON OATMEAL.

In November and December last, the Council received communications from, and was interviewed by oatmeal millers of Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, on the subject of the duty on oats and oatmeal. The millers asked that the Board should represent to the Dominion Government the hardships imposed upon them through the present situation, the customs duty on oats being twice that levied upon oatmeal. After fully considering the matter, the Council addressed the following to the Hon., the Finance Minister, at Ottawa :