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## THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was held in their office in this city on Tuesday, the 22nd March. A number of questions Columbia, and the establishing of a line of fast steamers from occupied the attention of the meeting, such as proposed custom reforms, commercial union, undervaluations, etc., which were intelligently discussed, although lack of space prevents our giving any detailed report at this time. We are pleased to note that the Association has decided to continue the praiseworthy policy of encouraging industrial designs in our art schools, by again offering four silver medals for competition. The designs that were offered in competition for the Association's medals last year were very meritorious and elicited commendation from all who saw them. They were sent by the Department of Education to be exhibited at the Colonial and .Indian Exhibition, and the Canadian Gazette, published at London, England, made mention of them as follows:—

"The work of these Art Schools of Ontario is such as would do credit to many older countries. The origin of some of the exhibits is interesting. In view of the Exhibition, the Ontario Manufacturers' Association offered medals for the best designs for various manufacturing purposes, and Dr. May, as Superintendent of Art Schools, at once issued circulars to the schools, notifying them to prepare forthwith various designs. The Toronto School designs were prepared for paper-hangings; in Ottawa for iron work, such as railings, fences, etc.; in London, designs for sideboards, etc.; and in the Kingston School for mantelpieces and over mantels. Considering, then, the fact that no selection is made in the exhibits in this class, all the competitive designs being shown, and that but a fortnight was allowed for the work, Ontario has reason to be proud of the result. It unquestionably forms a most important part of the Court. From the Toronto School of Art there also comes excellent work in electro-metallurgy taken from plaster casts and electrotypes from nature, as well as models in clay, and plaster casts from clay. Good industrial designs are also shown. The Art School of London comes out strongly in painting on china. Even the baking is done at the school and the product is excellent, illustrating a frequent means of livelihood for young ladies. By the Kingston exhibits mechanical work is illustrated in such a way as to call forth the admiration of the principal of the South Kensington Art Schools."

[Since the above was written the Industrial Art and Design Committee of the Association has met and decided to offer inedals for each of the following designs:—Design for a medal suitable for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; design for diploma for the Dominion Exhibition; design for carved Panel for sideboard, and design for summer cottage, not to cost over \$500 to erect. The die for these medals, which will be a very expensive one, will be gratuitously contributed by Messrs. P. W. Ellis & Co., manufacturing jewelers of this city, who are members of the Association.—Editor.]

## OUR AUSTRALASIAN EDITION.

THE completion and full equipment of the Canadian Pacific Railway through to the Pacific Ocean at Vancouver, British that port to Melbourne and other Australasian ports, opens up a number of new and most valuable markets to Canadian Manufacturers, of which they will no doubt be quick to avail themselves. The industries in the countries in the southern hemisphere thus being connected with Canada are almost entirely agricultural, and there are no extensive manufactories there of any description They are consequently importers of every variety of manufactured goods, wares and merchandise, and all the machinery used there is imported from abroad.

The geographical position of Canada, and our lines of connection and communication, render it possible for Canadian manufacturers to supply the Australasian demand on quite as favorable terms as those offered by European or American competitors, and there is now no reason why such requirements should not be met from here to a very considerable and gratifying extent. A strong and vigorous effort to secure this trade should certainly be made, and the publishers of THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER have made arrangements to send a large edition of a special export number to our agents, Messrs. A. S. Manders & Co., of Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, who will, on its arrival, have the papers addressed, and a copy mailed to every reputable business firm in the colonies of Victoria, New South Wales, South and Western Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand.

Canadian manufacturers who desire to extend their business in this direction cannot but be benefitted by having their trade announcements inserted in the Australasian edition of The CANADIAN MANUFACTURER, and we cordially invite all manufacturers and others interested to avail themselves of this opportunity, and co-operate with us in endeavoring to extend our commercial relations abroad. Those who are earliest in the field will certainly reap the greatest benefits, and the harvest is awaiting the reapers.

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