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The Dairy Industry.

THE dairy industry is paramount just now and will be for a week or two longer. The dairy conventions held this month, the Eastern at Whitby last week, and the Western at Woodstock this week, are among the most important gatherings of Canadian farmers. Though dairymen are more directly concerned in the proceedings, the topics discussed are not without interest to the whole community. The authoritative statement made by the Hon. Sydney Fisher at Whitby last week that Canadian cheese was not of as good quality as a few years ago and was gradually losing ground in Great Britain, should be taken as a serious warning by our dairymen. There is nothing to be gained by mincing matters or trying to make ourselves believe that our cheese still holds the commanding position in the British markets that it once did. The duty of every dairyman is clear. The situation is not hopeless or beyond recovery. But some radical changes will have to be made in the methods of conducting the business. With better milk, better factories, better curing rooms, and better transportation facilities, the industry can quickly be placed on a much better footing than ever before. But there must be no delay in effecting these improvements.

Elsewhere will be found a full report of the Eastern Dairymen's Convention at Whitby. It will bear careful and thoughtful perusal by every farmer and dairyman.

Industrial Fair By-law Carried.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR 1902. — A DOMINION EXHIBITION.

Friends of the Industrial Exhibition, throughout the Dominion, will be glad to learn that on Monday of last week, the by-law, to raise \$133,500 for new buildings, was endorsed by the citizens of Toronto, by a handsome majority. This sum will put the Exhibition on a much better footing. In fact had the by-law been defeated the reactionary effect upon the prestige and drawing powers of the Exhibition outside of the city, would have been all but disastrous. With a new manufacturers' building, a new art building and a new dairy building, for which purposes the money was voted, the Exhibition will be in a position to do better service for the city and the country at large.

No department of the Exhibition needs new accommodation more

than the dairy, and we are pleased indeed to be able to inform the dairymen of Canada, that beginning with 1902, they will have a dairy building and equipment quite in keeping with the important place which that industry occupies in the country to-day. Over \$14,000 of the amount voted will be appropriated for this purpose which should be sufficient if properly expended to erect commodious quarters for the dairy products and dairy appliance displays as well as provide for the butter-making competitions which have become such important features of recent exhibitions.

It is earnestly to be hoped, however, that in locating the new buildings, some regard will be had to the future development of the Exhibition. At last year's Exhibition several public men, and among them, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, expressed a desire to see a Dominion Exhibition where all the products of the different provinces could be gathered together in one grand display. There could be no better place for such an exhibition than in Toronto, in conjunction with the Industrial Fair, and the committee in charge of the plans for locating and erecting these new buildings, should see to it that nothing is done that would interfere with the grounds being utilized for a Dominion-wide exposition in the near future. There is room for a very great improvement in the lay out of the grounds, even for Toronto's Annual Fair. The main entrance to the grounds is not a very enticing one. It lands the visitor in the midst of a lot of small frame buildings, which must create a wrong impression as to the extent and magnitude of the Exhibition at the very beginning of his tour of the grounds. If these buildings were moved, or perhaps better, the main entrance carried farther down toward the lake, a very great improvement could be made in the whole general appearance of the grounds. And if in connection with this the street railway could get over the railroad either by a bridge or other means, it would add very greatly to the convenience of visitors in getting to and from the city. This is only one way in which improvement could be made. There are other ways, and it is to be hoped that a move will be made along the line of rearranging the grounds both from an artistic and utility point of view for exhibition purposes. No other city on this continent has grounds so beautifully situated for exhibition and park purposes as Toronto has in the Industrial Fair

grounds. And with the expenditure for these new buildings should come some rearrangement of the grounds and buildings along the lines we have indicated.

That a Dominion Exhibition is practicable and would be of very great value in advertising Canada and her products abroad is pretty well agreed. At the annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, held a few months back at Montreal, a resolution was passed strongly recommending the holding of a Dominion Exhibition, as being in the best interests of the manufacturers of Canada. And more than that it was recommended that Toronto would be the best place to hold such an exhibition. Moreover the Montreal section of the Association strongly endorsed the proposition, so that little or no opposition should come from that city should Toronto make a bid for a great national exposition. The time therefore seems ripe for an active movement along this line on the part of the management of the Industrial Fair and the city council. Had \$75,000 more been added to the sum voted there would have been greater opportunity for rearranging and fitting up the grounds for the purposes of a national exposition.

We are safe in stating that should an effort be made to widen the scope of the Industrial into a Dominion affair, it would receive the hearty support of the agricultural and live stock interests of the country. At last year's Fair there were exhibits of live stock from four of the provinces of the Dominion. It would therefore require but little extra effort to secure exhibits from the remaining provinces and agricultural displays from all parts of the Dominion.

In many ways a Dominion Exhibition could be made of very great advantage to all sections of the community. In some lines of manufactures a permanent exhibit might be made so that visitors to the city could inspect it at any time during the year. In a similar way if separate buildings were erected by the provinces, these could be used for permanent displays of the agricultural and other products of the various sections of the Dominion. This would be of great advantage to the provinces looking for settlers. The whole scheme when looked at from a national point of view admits of development along many lines, and we hope to see some definite step taken in the near future. In the meantime these columns are open for the discussion of the question of a Dominion-wide exposition.