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NOTES AND COMMENTS

SHOW DATES.

CANADA'S Great Fair and Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, Sept. 2nd to 14th, H. J. Hill, Secretary, Toronto.

Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Que., Sept. 2nd to 7th. H. R. Fraser, Secretary, Sherbrooke.

Western Fair, London, Sept. 12th to 21st, Thomas A. Browne, Secretary, London.

Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, Sept. 20th to 28th, E. McMahon, Secretary.

THE CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION, OTTAWA,

is advertised in this issue. In addition to the regular premiums the following specials are offered in the poultry department:—\$3 cash for the best exhibit of Plymouth Rocks; \$3 cash for the best exhibit of Wyandottes; \$3 cash for the best exhibit of Leghorns; \$3 cash for the best exhibit of Turkeys, Geese and Ducks.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

afforded us by the Secretary will be of interest to visitors:—“The annual fair of the Central Canada Exhibition Association in September is now the great event of the autumn season in the Ottawa valley. In the past it has attracted thousands of people to the Capital, some of them journeyed hundreds of miles to see it. The verdict has ever been that the show was a grand one. Last year the directors achieved their greatest success, but judging from their work this year there is no doubt but that the fair will be better and more attractive than ever before.

This year the directors have enlarged and improved the ground and buildings, erected a permanent dairy building

which has 2,600 cubic feet of refrigerator room, and increased the prize list to \$14,000, in addition to offering 35 specials, which include 25 gold medals, silver medals and cups and cash prizes. They also have secured a choice list of attractions and arranged for a fine programme of races.

The improvements to the grounds have been made chiefly to please the exhibitors and visitors. They include besides the establishment of a permanent dairy building, the construction of a new roadway to the stables so that the race track will not be crossed in going to them, the improving of the grand stand, the levelling and beautifying of the island grounds and the re-arrangement of the machinery hall. The work on the machinery hall grounds will be especially pleasing to machinery men. By the improvements the avenues to the grounds have been made exceptionally attractive to spectators and the machinery building has been re-arranged so as to permit all exhibitors to show their wares to the very best possible advantage. In previous years there was only one front to the building owing to the water being close to one of the sides. This year there will be two. The island, as it is called, is sure to be even a more popular resort than before. Then, for the benefit of those who patronize the fair, a new and improved entrance, ticket offices, etc., on Bank street is now being made. The approaches to the ticket offices will be closely railed so that only one can call for a ticket at a time. This will prevent crowding. The plan worked very successfully at the Chicago World's Fair.

But in addition to all the above attractions will be a grand spectacular production and military spectacle representing the siege of Sebastopol and the taking of Forts Malakoff and Redan, which will be presented in the evening. Interspersed with the spectacle will be music, fire works and special attractions, and the presentation alone promises to be worth going miles to see. No doubt all who can will make it a point to attend the Fair.”