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**CANADA'S GREAT FAIR.**

As will be seen by reference to an attractive card in another page, Toronto's great Fair is billed to open at the old stand on September 2 and continue to the end of the following week. Mr. Hill, the manager, informs us that the event will be of greater importance than ever before. Since last September many important improvements have been made in the buildings and grounds, and what, ever since its inception years ago, has been the greatest Fair upon the American Continent, will this year be greater than ever. Of course there will be innumerable attrac-

tions to amuse and entertain the hundreds of thousands of people who will be there; but what will be of special interest to manufacturers will be the increased facilities and accommodations prepared for their displays. All available spaces are rapidly being secured by wide-awake exhibitors, and no doubt they will be well rewarded by increased business for whatever trouble and expense they may be at in making their displays. Send to Mr. Hill for full particulars.

**CANADIAN ENAMELED WARE.**

We have recently had on exhibition in this office specimens of the steel enameled ware manufactured by the three Canadian concerns engaged in this business; also specimens of American and German ware of similar character; and from comparison of the Canadian with the foreign goods it is evident that the new Canadian industry can and does produce such goods of as substantial and attractive quality as those made abroad. In fact the Canadian goods are superior to the German and the equal of the American. The manufacture of steel enameled hollow ware, for culinary and other domestic purposes is a new department in Canada, and is a direct result and protégé of the National Policy. Heretofore such articles were usually constructed of tin plates, either pieced or stamped, and re-dipped; and existing Canadian works are well prepared to produce such goods of the very best quality to meet all demands of the trade. The enameled ware made in St. Louis is probably the best produced in the United States, but the high prices at which it was sold retarded its extended use in Canada; while the German ware, made with very cheap labor, and exceedingly cheap in quality, has for several years been flooding the Canadian market. Almost simultaneously three Canadian concerns determined to engage in the production of enameled ware:—The Kemp Manufacturing Company, Toronto; the Davidson Manufacturing Company, Montreal, and the McClary Manufacturing Company, London, Ont. All of these concerns were, and are now, large producers of tin ware. The introduction of the enamel ware industry was attended with many discouragements and difficulties. Those who possessed the secrets of the trade guarded them with jealous care, and those who were willing to impart them were autocrats who were exorbitant and unreasonable in their charges. And then the improvements in the furnaces and appliances were new, the more important of them patented, and the attendant cost very great. But these obstacles had to be met, for it was evident that if the very best methods were not used the cost of production would be too great; and in view of the competition from other countries if the goods could not be sold for as low or lower prices as those of foreign make no hope could be entertained of capturing the home market. But the home market has been captured; and it gives us much pleasure to state that although Canadian-made enameled ware may not at present be produced in as great variety as all other makers combined, yet the production of the three factories includes about all the most desirable styles; and whenever a purchaser desires an article of that character he can readily find it in the house furnishing stores, of Canadian make.

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