

the museums, universities and colleges of so many of the United States, and to gratify as far as possible the cravings of enthusiastic amateurs who would talk everywhere of their specimens. It was especially desirable that those who saw the specimens should know that they came from Ontario. To make this certain, fifty small cabinets having 22 compartments each, were ordered, a catalogue to accompany each cabinet, and a card to be affixed, stating that the specimens came from Ontario. These, when filled, were distributed amongst the commissioners of the Exposition, the editors of the leading newspapers, and the principals of several colleges and other institutions. For private collectors cards were prepared, to which a number of specimens, each placed under its proper name were attached. To some of the larger state institutions larger specimens, duly labelled, were given. The number of specimens given away to other applicants from time to time were really innumerable. Mr. Boyle thinks that they number at least two thousand, and this does not seem by any means an exaggerated estimate. The specimens were not given away indiscriminately. Only those in whose hands it was thought they would be serviceable to the Province, received any. Were all the applications complied with, little of what was sent to Cincinnati would have returned to Ontario. Specimens of the minerals of this Province are now to be found in all, or nearly all the State institutions, museums, universities, colleges and high schools of Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana. Many were taken to Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Alabama and other States. A very earnest application for specimens came from Omaha.

It may be well to state, as evidence of the impression produced by the exhibition, that the representative of the State of Georgia made repeated applications to have the Ontario exhibit taken to that State, where an exhibition was to open when the Cincinnati Exposition closed, and that a representative of the managers of an exposition to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., this year, more than once endeavored to obtain some assurance that Ontario would take part in that exposition also. The managers expected to have a magnificent display of minerals at Pittsburg, but, as this gentleman frankly admitted, they cannot hope to have any single exhibit that will compare with that which Ontario made in Cincinnati.

None of the articles in the Ontario exhibit were entered for competition, but three of the most distinguished of the jurors, including the mayor of Cincinnati, were sent to examine and report upon the exhibit as a whole, and to make what comments they thought fit as to the especial excellence of any particular exhibits. I was assured that their report was a fitting tribute to the merits of so magnificent a display, and that the Commissioners of the Exposition would include it in their final report, of which a copy would be sent to me. I have not yet received that report. I wrote to the President of the Commission some time ago, reminding him of his promise, but I have not yet received an answer. As I found the President and his fellow Commissioners always courteous and obliging, I presume that some unforeseen difficulties have retarded the publication of that report.

The Commissioners and guarantors of the Exposition having resolved to keep it open ten days longer than was originally proposed, I reported that decision to you, and in accordance with the instructions sent to me, the Ontario exhibit was continued to the close of the general Exposition, greatly to the satisfaction of the Exposition commissioners.

Although nothing was left undone that seemed necessary to render the exhibition of the minerals of Ontario worthy of the Province and in every sense successful, unnecessary expenditures were carefully avoided, and the strictest economy consistent with making a creditable display was observed. The total cost, I believe, must seem trifling when compared with the great and permanent advantages which the Province will derive from having made this astonishing revelation of her great mineral wealth and resources to her enterprising neighbors. Those advantages, I am now satisfied, will greatly exceed the most sanguine expectations in which, before the opening of the Exposition, I ever ventured to indulge.

I have the honor to remain,
Your obedient servant,

T. W. ANGLIN,
Commissioner.