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Descriptive Catalogue of Exhibits

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Natural History Building

—OF—

Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

INTRODUCTION

The following brief description of the principal exhibits in the Natural History section of Canada's Great Fair, is the result of numerous requests for some such guide to the various objects shown in this department. It is intended, not so much as a list of specimens, which, considering the short duration of the Exhibition, and the varied and numerous objects, would be impossible, but rather as a summary of those specimens most likely to interest the general visitor, so that during a brief visit the most may be made of the time to spare.

It has been thought advisable by the management to devote special attention to particular branches of Biology each year, believing that by taking this course and alternating the subjects, there would be less of that sameness which is unavoidable in an exhibition of Natural History, and also that a better display of each branch could thus be made. This year their special efforts have been directed towards the live fish and reptile, and also in the ornithological exhibits. Many new features have been added, notably the illustration of fish hatching, as shown by salmon and white fish incubators in working order. These, and also the collection of preserved food fishes of Canada, have been kindly lent by the Department of Marine and Fisheries of the Dominion Government. Another exhibit shown for the first time this year is the large glass globes containing specimens of the young and smaller fishes.

The Reptile cases have been refitted and improved, and the interior of the building has been arranged with a view to avoid crowding as much as possible.