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CANADA AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A LETTER recently published in the *Globe*, making allusion to the insufficient accommodation offered to Canada at the forthcoming Chicago World's Fair, has called forth a statement from Prof. Saunders, also published in the *Globe*, to the effect that the remarks made by him at the meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, held at the Toronto Fair grounds on September 14th. had been misunderstood. Prof. Saunders now says that those classes of manufactures which are specially provided for in what is known as the Manufacturers' Building must be brought within the limit of 15,000 superficial feet, but that many of the more bulky exhibits of manufactured goods will be provided for in other buildings, that in addition to the 15,000 feet referred to, Canada is allotted 5,000 in the section devoted to liberal arts, where musical instruments, etc., will be shown, that the Massey exhibit is provided for in the Agricultural Implement Building, where nearly 10,000 feet has been assigned to this country;

that in that same building another 10,000 feet has been given to Canada for displays of food products, that in the Transportation Building Canada has 15,000 feet for the display of everything relating to transportation, and that in the Machinery Building, erected for machinery in motion, Canada has been awarded 8,000 feet, the system of classification adopted by the Exposition authorities being such that the entire space assigned to Canada amounts to fully 100,000 square feet.

Special efforts were made by the Manufacturers' Association to afford Prof. Saunders every facility of explaining his mission to the manufacturers at the meeting held at the Fair Grounds. He was not restricted as to time in unfolding his business, and if he failed to make himself fully understood it was quite unfortunate for all concerned. But the report of what Prof. Saunders stated at that meeting was substantially correct, and agrees quite fully with the reports of that meeting made at the time in the *Globe* and *Empire*, whose reporters were present. According to the *Globe*, Prof. Saunders said that a special department had been set apart for the manufacturers, and in this 15,000 feet had been granted to Canadian manufacturers; that already there were applications for so much space that the whole amount could be easily filled with exhibits, but that it was desirable that all the manufactures should have exhibits—that all important manufactures should be represented—and to admit of this those who had already applied were willing to have their spaces curtailed. The *Empire's* report stated. "Prof. Saunders explained that the whole of the 15,000 feet which had been allotted to the manufacturers of Canada, had already been applied for. Several of the exhibitors, however, would be content with less space should more applications be received." The fact is, Prof. Saunders made no allusion whatever to any other space, to be used for any other displays of manufactures, than that of 15,000 feet, the fair inference being that the Massey exhibit would occupy about 4,000 feet of this space and the cotton mills exhibit the balance if no other applicants appeared.

We are informed that the original intention of the Chicago managers was to allot to Canada only 5,000 feet for the display of agricultural implements. It was very evident that the Massey-Harris Co., who desired to exhibit there, would require the greater part of that space in order to have sufficient room to show only one sample of their different machines. Efforts were made to obtain increased accommodation, and to this end the assistance of Sir Henry T. Wood, the British Commissioner, was invoked, with the result that this space, was increased to 8,000 feet, (Prof. Saunders says 10,000) the space required by the Massey Company being 3,700 feet.

If, then, adequate space has been provided at Chicago for a liberal and comprehensive display of Canadian manufactures, it is to be regretted that this fact was not made known at the Fair Grounds meeting. It should have been generally known long before that time, and it is difficult to understand why it was not. The impression was made by what Prof. Saunders said, that Canada's accommodation for manufactures at Chicago would include but 15,000 feet of space; and the gentleman's letter in the *Globe*, of 5th inst., was the first intimation to many of our manufacturers that they labored under a misapprehension.