

country producing it, the habits of its growth, the extent of its production, the cost of transportation and everything else pertaining to it. Other rooms are filled with samples of minerals, cereals, drugs, hides and skins of all kinds of animals, with samples of leather from each, in a word, every known product from every known country, and all kinds of information respecting it, are here at the disposal of the manufacturing, exporting and importing public. The staff of this institution appear to be the servants of the nation, ready at all times to serve the people. They command information respecting the consuming world as well as the producing world, making it possible for a manufacturer in any part of the union to find a place to buy his raw material as well as a market to sell his wares. Such an institution must be of great advantage, but it is only possible in a country where the government sees the importance of maintaining commercial agents in all parts of the world, whose chief duty it is to supply information respecting the resources and wants of the people with whom they live.

The International Congress of Commerce was opened on the 12th October, in the Auditorium at Exhibition Park, where some six thousand citizens had assembled to welcome the delegates. The Assistant Secretary of State, the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Mayor, representing the national, state and civic governments, delivered addresses of welcome. The opening exercises, including procession of delegates, from the civic building to the Auditorium, the Mayor's reception and other imposing functions, were quite in keeping with the novelty and huge proportions of the whole enterprise. Nineteen foreign governments were directly represented, while one hundred and ninety-two delegates, representing foreign trade organizations of various kinds, and a very

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