

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK OF THE  
CANADIAN SECTION OF THE WORLD'S  
COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

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Ottawa, December 17th, 1892.

To the Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture.

Sir,—In connection with my resignation as Executive Commissioner for Canada at the World's Columbian Exposition, tendered on the 21st of November last, a position I have reluctantly given up on account of ill-health, I have the honour to submit the following report on the work carried on during the time I have held this office, with some particulars regarding the arrangements which have been made under authority of the Honourable John Carling, late Minister of Agriculture, with the Governments of the several Provinces of the Dominion.

While pursuing special investigations early in December, 1891, in Nebraska, for the Government of Canada, relating to the Beet Sugar industry, I received instructions from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to visit Chicago on my way to Ottawa, and to prepare a report on the condition of the buildings and grounds in process of preparation for the World's Columbian Exposition. Acting on these instructions, I spent several days in Chicago, and on my return submitted a report on this subject to the Hon. Mr. Carling under date of 15th December, 1891. On the 11th of January following I was appointed, by Order in Council, Executive Commissioner for Canada, and on the 19th of that month made another journey to Chicago, where after a careful consideration as to the probable requirements of Canada, application was made to the Director General of the Exposition for space for an exhibition of Canadian products in the several buildings then in course of construction, amounting in all to about 110,000 square feet.

Application was also made for sufficient accommodation in the live stock department, for an impressive exhibit of the best representative specimens obtainable, of pure bred Canadian animals, horses, cattle, sheep and swine, with sufficient space also for poultry and dogs.

At the suggestion of the British Commissioner, Sir Henry Wood, the request was made to the Exposition authorities that the space to be allotted to Canada in the several buildings should, wherever it was practicable, be adjacent to that which had been