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The Live Stock Arena

The published perspective of the proposed Live Stock Arena to be built at the Canadian National Exhibition, possesses little of that standard of merit which one would expect to find in such an important structure as is intended. If carried out as proposed it will result architecturally in a building decidedly "Philadelphia Centennial" in type, or at least strikingly reminiscent of that period. Certainly it achieves no architectural distinction, and breathes none of that spirit which has made modern exhibition buildings in other countries such models of excellence in type. Perhaps the author has been influenced so that he was unable to give this structure the artistic consideration which it deserved, but inasmuch as it will be the first of a number of subsidiary structures, and will influence the design of the buildings to follow, it should be designed with a care as to dignity and chasteness. It not only has to please the people of to-day, but must also hold the admiration of

coming generations. The fact that the tender have doubled the appropriation voted by the Toronto ratepayers, gives the Exhibition Board an opportunity to reconsider the proposition in a more favorable light. It would indeed be advisable in this connection for the management to consult with the committee of architects recently appointed to devolve a more comprehensive scheme as to future extensions and developments at the Exhibition grounds. To do a thing well is to begin well, and the real beginning of a high standard of Exhibition architecture in Canada should start with the building in question.

Standard Code of Practice

The conference of the Canadian Building and Construction Industries to be held at Winnipeg, January 19, 20 and 21 next, will, among other matters take up the question of the pressing need in Canada of a standard code of practice which will be fair to owner, architect and material dealer, and also protect the general and sub-contractor. The subject is an important one, and will be widely discussed with a view to the adoption of such a code. A standard form of contract is another matter which will come before the conference and a very interesting committee report is promised on this subject. A large attendance of members is anticipated and other features of the programme are to be announced shortly.

Town Planning Journal

CONSTRUCTION extends hearty congratulations to Mr. Alfred Buckley, M.A., of the Town Planning Branch, Commission of Conservation, and to those associated with him editorially, on the very excellent character of the first issue of the "Journal of the Town Planning Institute of Canada."

It is not only a timely and informative publication, but is one which will serve a very necessary and useful purpose. The rather gratifying strides which town planning is making in Canada is perhaps best indicated by the growth of the Town Planning Institute itself which now has a membership of 117 reaching from the Maritime to the Pacific provinces. It is with a view to keeping its members informed as to town planning legislation and contemplated developments, as well as the large number of schemes in actual progress, that the journal is being published. It editorially deals with the general subject of town planning, the high taxation of cities resulting from the lack of proper and systematic growth, the millions of dollars of peoples' money being spent by municipalities in rectifying their own mistakes, and the special need in Canada for a broad consideration of proper methods of development and of men who are qualified to do this work.