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CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

A SPECIAL general meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will be held in the Board Room, over the offices of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association, on the Fair Grounds, on Wednesday, September 14th, at three o'clock in the afternoon, during the time of the forthcoming Toronto Exhibition. All members of the Manufacturers' Association, and all manufacturers who may desire to do so, are hereby notified and invited to attend.

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CANADA'S GREAT INDUSTRIAL FAIR

We take pleasure in calling attention to the fact that Toronto's Great Industrial Exhibition will be in full blast from September 5th to 17th proximo. The management recently succeeded in obtaining a generous slice of the adjacent common which has been enclosed and converted to the uses of the Fair largely increasing its area, and allowing of a very desirable and important re-arrangement of the grounds. Some of the buildings have been considerably enlarged and all of them put in

first class condition, and the accommodations for exhibitors were never so complete as they are to-day. We are informed by Mr. Hill the manager that the exhibits of machinery and mechanical appliances will be exceptionally large, particularly in Machinery Hall, where every facility will be afforded in the way of power for showing machinery in motion. The Exhibition Association appreciate the fact that Canadian manufacturers have done much—very much—to make their annual fairs the success they have always proved to be, and we are glad to be able to state that the exertions our manufacturers are putting forth in that direction this year are even greater than ever before. It is to be hoped, though, that those of them who may not have already made their arrangements for exhibiting will do so without delay. The date for closing entries is not now far away—the 13th inst. and it is exceedingly desirable that every effort should be put forth to show to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who will throng the grounds that the manufacturing capacity of Canada is equal to any emergencies that may occur.

There may be some Canadian manufacturers who propose exhibiting at the Toronto Fair, and who also desire to exhibit the same things at the forthcoming World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. To these we would say that arrangements have been made by which exhibits at Toronto may remain in the buildings in which they are shown until such time as it may be desired to take them away to Chicago. This saves much time and expense in handling, as exhibits may be reloaded onto cars on Toronto Fair Grounds, and delivered from them on the Exposition grounds in Chicago.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

THERE is a very great difference of opinion between the Minister of Finance and some Canadian manufacturers. When Mr. Foster moved the House of Commons into Committee of Ways and Means, to introduce his tariff resolutions, he said that he did not intend at that late hour in the session to propose any very extended changes in the tariff that in fact although a good many subjects had been brought to his attention they did not appear to him to be of such a nature as to make it advisable, so soon after a somewhat general revision of the tariff, to again undertake any general revision, and his view of this matter was all the stronger on account of the late hour of the session. He also stated that what he had to propose at that time was largely in the way of a reduction of duties not very important of themselves, but yet of assistance in certain directions. This allusion was with reference to what he said about stearine. Regarding this he said that strong representations had been made by the tanners in favor of the introduction free of duty, of two articles used in the manufacture of leather—degras and stearine—neither of which is produced in Canada, and both of which are necessary in the manufacture of leather intended for export. "This article, stearine," he said "was classed with stearic acid, and was, and charged a duty of three cents per pound. The value of the article is six cents per pound, so that the duty was a very heavy one, and it is proposed to allow that article to come in free of duty for the use of tanners.