

ed there ; and whether, as it is probable, one were inferior to the other or not, this would, in fact, bring the different sections of the Province into competition in England.

Your Committee therefore learn, with satisfaction, that the subscribers in Montreal are willing to place their funds in the hands of any Commissioners to be duly appointed to superintend a Provincial Exhibition.

Your Committee would, in the first place, invite every section of the Province to contribute by subscription to the common fund, and that the same be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners to be named by His Excellency, the Governor-General. They recommend that a Commission be accordingly issued, addressed to gentlemen qualified to carry out the design, who will communicate with the Commissioners named by the Queen.

Your Committee also recommend to your Honourable House, that in addition to the amount subscribed and to be subscribed, a grant of £2,000 be made to the Commissioners to be so named, to award premiums to successful competitors, and to enable them to defray the necessary expenses, as well on the spot, as those incidental to the transmission to England of the objects selected for ultimate exhibition there.

Your Committee are of opinion that the members of the Commission should take for their guidance the documents hereinbefore-mentioned ; and that all matters of detail should be confided to them. It is further the opinion of your Committee, that one or more persons, to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General, should proceed to England, in charge of the objects selected for Exhibition.

On this basis your Committee recommend that an Industrial Exhibition for all Canada should be held at Montreal, on the second Monday in October next, and on the two subsequent days.

[COPY OF EARL GREY'S DESPATCH.]

*Downing Street, 18th April, 1850.*

MY LORD,—With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty's Commissioners, for the Exhibition of 1851, have taken into consideration the question of the amount of space which can be allotted, in the building to be erected in this Metropolis, to the articles sent for Exhibition from the various Dependencies of the British Crown, and that they have decided on apportioning 8,000 square feet to Canada.

It is to be observed, that of the whole gross space thus allotted to the Colonies, about one-half will be reserved for passages and other purposes, and therefore the proper allowance must be made on this account, in your calculation of the quantity to be sent.

As it is indispensably necessary that the Commissioners should, at as early a date as possible, receive information as to the extent to which the Colony, under your Government, is prepared to avail itself of the space reserved for it, you will take every means in your power for procuring such information, and transmit the same to me, distinguishing the proportion of space which will be required under each of the four main divisions, of Raw Materials, Machinery, Manufactured Articles, and

Objects of Fine Art, into which, as you are already aware, it is proposed to classify the Exhibition.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

The Right Honourable

The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, &c. &c. &c.

*MEMORANDUM of Suggestions offered to the Special Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed in reference to the Great Industrial Exhibition, to be held at London, in 1850.*

1. That Local Exhibitions shall be held in the various Municipalities throughout the Province, with the view especially of inducing competition in such articles of produce as are peculiar to such localities, and, generally, in such as are common to the Province.

2. That one Great Provincial Exhibition be established for the United Province, whither the prize articles, and others of sufficient merit, shall be forwarded from the Local Exhibitions.

3. That any Parliamentary grant to be made in aid of the representation of Canada, at the London Exhibition, shall be devoted to the purposes of the Provincial Exhibition, and the transmission from thence to London of such articles as shall be adjudged worthy.

4. That the Local Exhibitions shall be conducted at the expense of the localities, independent of the Parliamentary grant ; and that any profits therefrom shall be given in aid of the Provincial Exhibition.

5. That Parliament shall determine the place and time at which the Provincial Exhibition shall be held.

The Joint Committee would, however, suggest Montreal, as well on account of its geographical position, as of the energy with which its inhabitants have hitherto acted in the matter.

6. That, in determining the place and time at which the Provincial Exhibition shall be held, it would be prudent to avoid any union of such Exhibition with any other of an annual or local character which might involve a confusion of purposes, or a diversion of the Parliamentary grant from the special object for which it shall have been made.

7. The Montreal Association, The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, The Kingston and Toronto Institutes, having appointed September for their Local Exhibitions, the second week in October appears to be the earliest period which can safely be named for the Provincial Exhibition.

8. That a Commission be appointed, to which shall be entrusted the conduct and management of the Provincial Exhibition, whereby an unity of action in the various localities will be best secured.

9. That some competent person shall be entrusted with the care of such articles as shall be transmitted to England from the Provincial Exhibition ; with a view, as well to their safe conduct, as to their arrangement in the London Exhibition, and, if possible, to the direction of public interest there towards those Canadian products to which it may be especially desirable to attract commercial attention.

10. It is suggested that such Commission, as that above referred to, should be appointed with the least possible delay, the localities being anxious for guidance in the course to be pursued.

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For Joint Committee of

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The Common Council, City of Toronto :

The Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

County Court House,

Toronto, 15th June, 1850.