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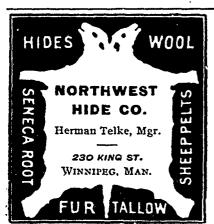
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### The Winnipeg Industrial.

The manager of the Winnipeg Industrial returned yesterday from the east, where he has been spending four weeks' holidays. Ho states that he met with very gratifying responses to applica-tions he made on behalf of the Industrial, both from the minister of the in-terior and the Canadian Pacific rail-way. The gift from the C. P. R. of an amount equal to the revenue they derive from freight on exhibits is indeed a donation worthy of a twentieth contury fair and the sum received from the department of the interior will enable the board to erect the British Columbia building, which should prove one of bia building, which should prove one of the most useful, as well as one of the most attractive features on the grounds. He had an opportunity of discussing the principal features of the British Columbia building and exhibit with Mr. Flummerfelt, ex-president of the Victoria board of trade, and an ex-Winnipegger, and also with Mr. Lewis, a leading lumberman, and both these gentlemen seemed very much im-pressed with the idea, and kindly prem-ised to take the matter up with the lised to take the matter up with the British Columbia government and lumber companies interested on their return to the Pacific coast.

When asked if the Northern Pacific Railway Company and other railways had decided to make any grant towards had decided to make any grant towards assisting next year's exhibition, Mr. Heubach said, that, so far he had not had an opportunity of discussing the subject with them, but in the past the association had always been treated with such consideration, that he felt overy confidence that the other rail-way companies would do everything in their power to make Winnipeg's twentieth century fair, the greatest by far in the history of the association.

#### The Spread of the English Language.

English as the medium of converse has made rapid progress throughout the civilized countries of the world the world during the century, the last year of which we have started on. On this which we have started on. On this head a few statistical facts taken from the Journal of Commerce may prove instructive, we quote: "When the century began these people numbered only 22,000,000, or 16,000,000 less than the people who spoke German. 12,000,000 less than those who spoke French and 10,000, 00 less even than those who spoke Spanish. As the century draws to the close, the people who speak Laglish as their mother tongue number 127,000,000— an increase of 477 per cent, and a greater number than all the people who speak French and German com-bine: At the end of the last century there were in these United States ent 5,000,000 inhabitants, the census with which this one will terminate will hardly show less than 75,000,000. In the same period the population of the United Kingdom has grown from 16,000,000 to 41,000,000, and the coloniets of English race have hereased from a few hundred thousand to between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000. At the leginning of the century the population of the European continent was 170,000,000. At its close the 848,000,000. total approaches Thus, while at the end of the last century the English-speaking family was outnumbered by the nations of continental Europe in the proportion of 8 to 1, it is outnum-hered by them to-day in the propor-tion of 2.7 to 1 only."