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## THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The special committee of the Toronto City Council, appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association, have reported their findings, etc., to the City Council, which will take action thereon at an early day. Some of the more important suggestions made by the committee include that application be made to the Ontario Legislature to abolish the representation of the Electoral District Society on the Industrial Exhibition Board; that the mayor of Toronto and all the aldermen be made members of the Association and that the mayor be ex-officio a director of the Board, and that at least five of the directors be appointed by the City Council. While not condemning the presence on the fair grounds of proper amusing entertainments, the committee are of the opinion that side shows and special attractions should be assigned locations specially set apart for that purpose, and not in close proximity to any of the exhibition buildings, and that the unseemly noises of shouters and fakirs should be suppressed. Alluding to the friction that has for some time existed between certain of the exhibiting manufacturers and the management of the Fair, in the opinion of the committee enough had not been done to remedy the evils complained of; and they urge that special efforts should be made not only to get the dissatisfied manufacturers, who have withdrawn from exhibiting at the Fair to return, but endeavors should be made to induce many more exhibits of processes of manufacture. The committee believe that the inadequate accommodations offered to manufacturing exhibitors had much to do with the unpleasant conditions that have prevailed; and while they recognize that new buildings and similar improvements are necessary, they consider the estimates made by the Association excessive, and suggest that the City Council submit a by-law to the ratepayers to sanction the expenditure of a sum not greater than \$131,000 for such purposes.

Regarding the management of the Fair, the committee, while unable to report the exact causes of dissatisfaction with

it, have no doubt that some of them were unimportant, at the same time expressing the opinion that the management have not exerted themselves as they should have done to remedy obvious defects nor to meet the views of the manufacturers in matters in which, as exhibitors, they were so much interested.

The committee express their disapproval of the manner in which the Exhibition Association elect their Board of Directors; and one of their most important recommendations is that its by-laws be amended to provide for sending to each member a list of all the members, at least fifteen days before the annual meeting, so that such member may intelligently make his nomination for directors, to be received by the secretary up to at least one week previous to the date of the annual meeting; and that a ballot paper be prepared containing the names of such nominees, alphabetically arranged, to be voted in the election for the board of directors.

Almost concurrently with this action on the part of the special committee of the City Council occurred the annual meeting of the Industrial Exhibition Association, at which was adopted the usual directors' report, in which was announced the proposed changes and increases in representation of the constituent bodies included in the Association, a feature of which was the addition of seven new representatives to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Upon the adoption of the report the new members took their seats and participated in the proceedings.

The diversity of views between the special committee of the City Council and those who run the Industrial Association was evident in what took place. The election of directors being the business in hand, Alderman Cox, of the City Council, moved that all members of the Association should be considered eligible as directors; to which the president, Dr. Smith, replied that this motion was out of order, inasmuch as a by-law required that the ballot papers must contain only the names of the old directors, with spaces for new names where the number of old ones was deficient of the whole number to be elected. Mr. Thorn drew attention to the fact that the by-law was a new one passed by the directors, and had not, until that hour, been approved by the Association then in annual meeting assembled. "It is a scheme of the old board," he said, "to re-elect themselves," whereupon he was requested by the president to withdraw the word "scheme," which he did, but scheme it evidently was, and the scheme carried. The old board was then re-elected, four vacancies being filled by that number of new men who evidently had a pull.

In our opinion the ratepayers will vote down any by-law that may be presented looking to the appropriation of a large sum of money for exhibition purposes, as long as it is under its present management.

## CANADA'S PAPER AND PULP TRADE.

Shipments of \$37,743 worth of paper to Sydney and of \$11,870 worth to Melbourne during the week closed February 23, helped very materially to bring the total value of the export trade from New York to a respectable figure. The total was \$69,451. Shipments of a value greater than \$1,000 other than those mentioned, were: To Bristol, \$1,075; to Bombay, \$1,087; to Buenos Ayres, \$1,109; to London, \$4,731; to Mexican ports, \$1,373; to Montevideo, \$1,141,