

ONTARIO FORESTRY COMMISSION.

THE Ontario Forestry Commission lately returned from a tour in the Georgian Bay and Lake Nipissing districts. Regarding the trip, Mr. Southworth stated to a Globe reporter that they visited some timber lands in the neighborhood of Whitefish, going down the Vermillion river through Louise township, where there is much cut over and burned over country. They visited also the country around Thessalon, in which there is quite an old and large settlement in the midst of a considerable territory not adapted for agriculture. From there a general inspection of the north shore of the Georgian Bay was made, a closer investigation being undertaken in the vicinity of Collins' Inlet. The forest here is described as very interesting, showing pine in block—from seedlings one or two years old—growing underneath a dense crop of poplar, birch, etc., through the stage where the pine was overtaking the poplar and struggling to get above it. This land is all under license and makes an ideal timber estate, being cut up everywhere by floatable streams. Thanks to the present fire-ranging system, this section has been well protected and escaped any serious fire for some years past.

THE VICTORIAN ERA EXPOSITION.

THE approach of the opening day of the Victorian Era Exposition, which commences this year on August 30 and lasts till Sept 11, is deserving of more than passing attention. By no other feature of its civic life is the city more widely and favorably known than by this annually recurring exhibition of the products, the resources, the capabilities of our country and people. It is popularly known as Canada's Greatest Fair, and the title does not belie its scope and comprehensiveness. The little affair which started with local aims assumed provincial proportions and then continued to spread until it is now entitled to be looked upon as a Dominion affair. Especially so is it the case with this exhibition, which in the value and number of its exhibits, the attractiveness and scale of its many entertaining features, far surpasses any preceding exposition. Take only one feature, the Jubilee parade, a replica of the scene which took place in London. Everything will be exactly the same as in London on June 22. The escort of colonial and British troops, the Indian Princes, the Princes and Princesses of the royal family, Queen Victoria, her carriage, state trumpeters—everything will be an exact reproduction of the

London pageant. An idea of the scale which this feature will be presented gathered from the fact that the frame work structure of St. Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace is over 650 feet in length and up to 80 feet in height. Take again the table of historical events during her majesty's reign they cover hundreds of feet in area. The features are more than entertaining, they are educational. They enable Canadians to grasp the immense size of the British Empire, and the great variety of races bound together by the ties of loyalty to the one institution. They give a vivid idea of the might and pomp of the empire and well illustrate the meaning of the phrase, "Hands across the Sea," words which in this Jubilee year possess so much significance to the people of the Anglo-Saxon race. Added to these the great variety of the objects displayed from the minerals of British Columbia to those of Nova Scotia, from the products of the west to those of the east. Visited in a proper spirit the fair is more than an exhibition, it is a source of instruction, for there one can see and appreciate in a short time the great extent, value and variety of Canada's resources.

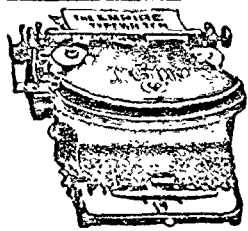
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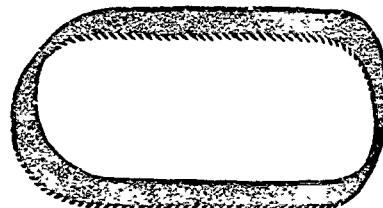
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