

NOTICES.

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REPORT OF ONTARIO COMMISSIONER TO WORLD'S FAIR.

We found in visiting Chicago that Mr. Buchanan was willing to deal fairly with the province as far as to allotment of space in the different departments.

Mr. Saunders had left the arrangement as to stock largely in our hands, and there had preceded me a letter from him saying that he believed that he would have to leave the matter to me, the result of which Mr. Buchanan entered cordially into the discussion of the question as to the necessity of increased space, under a previous arrangement that had allotted space for seventy-five horses for the entire Dominion. I requested that there be allotted to Ontario sufficient space for an exhibit of 125 horses, leaving Mr. Saunders or representatives of the different provinces to deal with space for themselves.

I requested that there be set apart for the province of Ontario space for 150 head of cattle, space for 3000 sheep, and accommodation for 1000 hogs, leaving, as in the cases of horses, the other provinces to look after their own interests.

Mr. Buchanan cordially agreed with me that this amount of space be allotted under the circumstances, after having given him a list of the different breeds which are in the province, and without such increased space it would be impossible for us to make a creditable display. We found him in every respect a reasonable man to deal with.

The question of dairy products was the next matter considered by the head of the department, and I asked that Ontario should be allotted space for 2,500 packages, that being three times the quantity at the Centennial. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, who is deeply interested in the mineral and forestry exhibits. He in company with myself waited upon the heads of these departments, and were assured that space would be at our disposal for an exhibit of 376 specimens in the department of mines.

The question of a fruit exhibit is one that affects materially the province, as it is becoming one of its most important industries. In Philadelphia we had 1,200 square feet, which meant an exhibit of 1,450 specimens of apples, 200 pears, 200 plums, 173 grapes, 26 peaches and 86 crab apples, with 20 of miscellaneous character. Knowing the extent to which this industry has increased, I asked that the amount of space be increased to 2,400 square feet, which will enable the fruit growers of this province to make a display which will be second to none at the Exposition. I found that my requests were cheerfully acceded to in this department as in the others.

The question of the poultry exhibit was next considered, and remembering that it was a creditable display in Philadelphia, and taking into consideration the increased interests in that branch in Canada since that time, I asked that we be allowed the privilege of exhibiting 200 coops of poultry; that also was conceded without any hesitation.

What might not be of much importance to many stock men, and yet which is dear to the minds of the Canine men was the question next considered, and I was assured that ample space would be provided for an exhibit of 200 specimens of the canine race from this province alone. I found when it came to the art exhibit there was more difficulty. The Dominion Commissioner had made application for four thousand square feet of wall space, but that amount had not been granted. The entire Dominion is limited to 2,900 square feet, and the Ontario Society of Artists wished to have 2000 square feet of wall space, which left the balance to the Dominion very limited, and the best arrangement I could make was to put in an application to the Director-General, who expressed the hope that the additional space would be forthcoming.

What has been of considerable importance to stockmen has been conceded by the managers of the Exposition in Chicago. Heretofore it has been understood that the stock would require to remain at the Exposition for three months. I am glad to say that sufficient pressure has been brought to bear upon the management of the Columbian Exposition to change that regulation, and it is understood that cattle will only be required on the ground from the 21st of August to the 21st of September, the limitation of a month. Sheep and swine the time is very much more limited, they only require to be there from the 25th of September to the 14th of October, very much under 30 days. Poultry from the 16th of October to the 28th, in case of hogs one week is all they are required to be in Chicago.

Some difficulty seemed to have arisen with the exhibitors as to the definite ages, as to calculating them, which has not been specified in the rules or regulations, the result was, the breeders feared, that if any animal was only one year and eleven months old at the commencement of the Exhibition would it be ruled out for the reason that it might be over two years at the time the animal was shown for competition for prizes. The time each breed is taken to the Exposition is the date from which ages are to be computed. Cattle, Sept. 11th, 1893; sheep, Oct. 21st, 1893; swine, Oct. 2nd; fat stock, Oct. 16th, 1893.

It has been decided that entries can be taken as late as June 15th, 1893, cattle and horses; July 1st, 1893, sheep; May 20th, 1893, dogs; July 13th, 1893, poultry.

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