

space is especially suited to Canada from its central position. Another flattering reason for giving this space to Canada is that the Western Gallery afforded the means of showing machinery in motion; and the fact would therefore appear to have been foreseen by the Prince of Wales that Canada alone, of all Her Majesty's Colonies, would be in a position to appear in the class of exhibits which, of all others, bespeaks an advanced position in the arts of civilized life.

Under authority of a vote of Parliament, in the Session of 1886, the Government of Canada contributed £10,000 of the guarantee fund, toward which the Colonies collectively were called upon to subscribe £30,000. Noblemen, gentlemen and private companies contributed £150,000, and India £20,000. During the summer of 1885 I visited Canada, travelling over the whole Dominion, making arrangements with the Federal and Local Governments as to their action, and exerting myself to the utmost to bring Canadians to a sense of the value of the unprecedented opportunity now afforded them to dispel erroneous impressions, to display the resources of their splendid domain, and to show the world the extent to which their energy and intelligence had enabled them to profit by the gifts so bountifully placed at their disposal by nature. In this work I was energetically supported by the newspaper press of the Dominion, and when, under your direction, agents were appointed for the purpose of securing a becoming representation of our country's achievements, applications for space, as you are aware, poured in so quickly that, long before the expiry of the time fixed for receiving them, the space allotted to the Dominion, great as it was, was found inadequate to the demands upon it, and a number and class of exhibits had been secured which left no doubt as to the position which Canada would occupy among her sister colonies. The instructions given to the agents, I understand, left much to their individual judgment, and this confidence was fully justified by the results of their efforts.

The regulations which you established were framed wholly with a view to the convenience and advantage of the exhibitor, who was merely asked to put his exhibit together and deliver it at the nearest railway station. From the moment of his doing so it was taken charge of by the Government, which undertook to convey it to South Kensington free of charge, to install it in the Exhibition, to look after it while there, to endeavor to sell it, if desired, at the exhibitor's own price, to take orders, to secure trade connections if possible, and to convey it back to Canada free of charge should it not be sold meanwhile. Everything was done to make the exhibitors' share of the work as light as possible.

The arrangements for transport now occupied your attention, and owing to the difficulty in securing rates sufficiently low to meet your views, these occupied much more time than had been expected, and were afterwards found to be inadequate to the rapid despatch of so great a volume of matter, rendered doubly necessary by the delay in the date of shipment. Arrangements were at length effected with Messrs. Pickford and Black, of Halifax, agents for the Furness line of steamships, for trans-

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