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Seventeenth Year of Publication: Third Year as a Weekly

Beginning with this issue *FARMING* enters upon its seventeenth year of publication and its third year as a weekly. The change to a weekly was made two years ago, and we have reason to feel proud of the progress made since then in all its departments. The style and character of the paper has been greatly improved, and the space devoted to reading matter has been enlarged. A Farm Home department has been added, and the weekly market review has become recognized as a most reliable source of information in regard to the markets for all kinds of farm products and live stock.

As to the future: while marked progress has been characteristic of past years we are within the mark when we state that the year upon which we have just entered will show still greater improvement in every department of the paper. We are in a position to do better work than ever before for the farmer and his interests. Without going into particulars we might state that arrangements are now under way for a number of special contributions during the year from practical farmers. The Farm Home department will be greatly improved and brought more in touch with the farmer's household and more particularly the younger members of it. The *Agricultural Gazette* will be enlarged and will be made of still greater value to the important interests which it represents. Special attention will be given as heretofore to the preparation of a reliable and up-to-date market review each week, and this in itself is worth the subscription price of the paper to any farmer.

Special attention is directed to the splendid premium offers given in this issue. Will not every reader make a note of them and endeavor to swell our subscription list? This exhibition number is a magnificent one for opening up the fall season with. If you have any friends or neighbors who are not already subscribers for *FARMING*, kindly send us their names and addresses, and we will be pleased to send them a copy of this issue free.

Visitors to the Toronto Fair should bear in mind that they will be made welcome at the *FARMING* tent. Pens, ink and paper will be at the disposal of stockmen and others who may care to use them. A representative of *FARMING* will be in the tent during the fair to renew and receive subscriptions. Our tent is in the northern portion of the grounds directly opposite the Farmers' Institute tent.

Our Illustrations

We take very great pleasure in drawing special attention to the illustrations in this issue. We think everyone who examines them will agree with us that they are as fine a group of illustrations as has ever been gotten together in a similar publication in Canada. One of their special features is the presentation of some of the leading markets in Canada and the old land. These have been procured at considerable trouble and expense, but we think they demonstrate one point, that there are in the cities and towns of Canada as good facilities for the marketing of

farm produce as are to be found anywhere. There are two or three more views that we would have liked to have had to make the list complete, but we found it impossible to get the photos in time. We have to thank those in the various cities represented who so generously aided us in procuring this series.

The other illustrations will be found equally as interesting. Those illustrating the article on "Birds and Weeds" were specially prepared by the writer of it. The English and Danish creameries, the prize winners at the Royal show and the remainder which we have not the space to specify are both entertaining and instructive. Last but not least is the illustration on the outside of front cover. A well-known artist of this city spent several weeks in its preparation. The scene which he depicts of Miss Canada drawing back the folds of the Union Jack and exposing to view one of Canada's many fertile farms, is, we think, worthy of the artist's skill and the great agricultural interests which this journal represents. It indeed makes a fitting introduction to the splendid storehouse of valuable information to be found within. The striking cartoon on the outside of the back cover suggests a line of action that would be in the interests of Canadians to follow. There is much to be gained and nothing to lose in patronizing home manufactures.

Pan-American Exposition

The close of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century will be commemorated by all the republics and colonies of the American hemisphere, by holding an international exposition at the city of Buffalo from the 1st of May to the 1st of November, 1901. At such an exposition Canada should play a most important part. This exposition in several respects will be of greater value to this country than the great World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893. At an early date the Governments, both Dominion and Provincial, should make arrangements for a creditable exhibit of Canadian Agricultural products. We as a nation should do our best or nothing.

That the exposition will be carried on on a scale in keeping with the importance of the countries to be represented is seen from the fact that the aggregate resources at the disposal of the management at the commencement of the enterprise amounted to \$5,800,000. Sufficient assurances have also been received to justify an expectation of a complete success and a representation from the several American nations and the colonies of the West Indies even greater than was made at the World's Fair in 1893.

We reproduce in this issue a couple of views of the site on which the exposition will be held, and later on, when we have more space, will give a more detailed description of the exposition itself and some further reasons why Canada should play a most prominent part in connection with it. In the meantime our breeders and those connected with the various live stock and agricultural associations should interest themselves in the matter with a view to making a most creditable display of Canadian products.

The Toronto Fair, which opened on August 29th, is without doubt the largest and best exhibition of its kind on the continent. Do not fail to see it.