

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR. OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

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CANADA AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Ontario newspapers are calling attention to the prospective remarkable display of the mineral resources of Canada at the World's Fair. The Government of Ontario has determined on making a large exhibit of the minerals found in this Province and Quebec has resolved not to be one whit behind. The same observation applies to Nova Scotia, which is rich in mineral wealth...

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