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The Objects of the British Empire Exhibition Are Interviewed With Lord Morris.

By RHODE KNIGHT.

(In British Dominions Trade.) selves; some make exhibitions of others; some, again, make, or arrange, of properly constituted persons, the the most dignified, it is also the most arduous and onerous, and-if carried

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merely to cram a building with a Some men make exhibitions of them- heterogeneous mass of more or less jack variety, so that when everything to the public, the place resembles nolast named undertaking is not only thing so much as a disordered departmental store on a bargain sale day.

For genuine trade purposes—that out on well organised lines-far and is, for stimulating business between away the most useful. It is really a producer and consumer—such exhibiprofession-at once a science and a tions are practically worthless. Small wonder that our big manufacturers As in the case of other professions, do not show their products at popular so in this: few men attain eminence exhibitions. They are not unnaturally or achieve conspicuous success. The prejudiced against them, regarding reason is not far to seek. In order to them as waste of time, money and

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gether people from every Dominion is now third. and Colony under the Flag, and let producing, and how far it is possible of the situation, and realise the imresources of our British Commonwealth. This was the idea in the mind portation, For they are faced with the of the late Lord Strathcona when, in fact that the revenue of something 1913, he first suggested the holding of like £80,000,000 which they divided such an exhibition in 1915. It was a annually in pre-war days from the desircable and praiseworthy project earnings of the mercantile fleet, has then. It is infinitely more so now. The considerably diminished, and is likely Great War has made it so. For over to diminish still further unless they four years nearly all civilised coun- are up and doing. tries were fiercely engaged in the work of destruction and building up is concerned by increasing production, other produces. We desire to give a

vantage the information and experi- security. ence thus acquired. Indeed in some colours to the popular craze for frivol- notable instances, as the war showed, ous entertainment, or are content we actually allowed foreigners to ex- I am a strong optimist, especially in ploit our resources to their immense regard to the future of our Empire. benefit and to our serious detriment. uninteresting objects of the cheap- It is not enough for a nation, especially a commonwealth of nations such exhibitions for the public. In the eyes is arranged and the doors are opened as the British Empire, to "breast the blows of circumstances;" it must also "grasp the skirts of happy chance," and take full advantage of its oppor-

#### A Practical Illustration.

"Let me give you a practical illustration of my meaning. Here it is in a report of the Dominions Royal Commission. 'It is interesting and important to note,' says the report, 'that practically every mineral of commercial value is found in Australia' I will This is one of the reasons why the go further and say that not only in crowds that delight in switch-backs, Board of Trade established some years Australia, but in other parts of the merry-go-rounds and jazz bands, ex- ago a special branch to deal with the Empire taken as a whole, every minhibitions must have a definite practic- organisation of British displays in the eral-non-metallic as well as metalal end; their promoters must have a great exhibitions of the world. And lic—now used in industry is to be bestir ourselves and gird up our loins. fixed clearcut purpose in view. Too of this is also one reason why, as Lord found and, in some places, in deposits we shall certainly be left behind in exceeding richness and easy accessibility. Within our own Imperial frontiers we have every mineral we require for industrial purposes. But see how we have neglected our opportunities. Take iron, for instance, on which so much depends. The total British output of iron is only 15 million tons a year, as against the world's output of 150 million tons and this in spite of the fact that we have in the Empire sufficient iron ore in sight to supply the whole world for hundreds of

"Now, the object of the great Exhibition we are organising, as Lord Milner said at the Mansion House meeting a few week ago, is not a vainglorious display. It has a practical object-to enable us all to see how we can afford mutual help to one another in the development of these vast resources. So the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau, which represents the whole of the Empire as regards its mineral wealth, has been asked by the Executive of the Exhibition to take charge of the mineral exhibit in 1923. And it is hoped to arrange not merely an exhibit of the minerals of the Empire, but a standing committee of experts representing the great industries arising out of the development of those products, whose special business it will be to point out to exhibitors how they can have their fields more fully and scientifically prospected and worked, and how and where new channels of commerce can be opened. In this way the road will be paved towards the utilisation of these resources to the fullest extent. If the Exhibition fails in this respec, then it will not realise what its promoters seek to ac-

"This is a change in the commercial kaleidoscope that calls for grave consideration. It strikes at the very heart of our foreign commerce. Look at the statistics. As compared with 1914 the world's shipping facilities are to-day very much against us. The tonnage of the United Kingdom has decreased by nearly one million tons in the interval, while that of the Dominions has increased by nearly half a million tons. The tonnage of the United States has increased by ten and a half million tons; of France, one million; Italy, 700,000; Holland, 300,000; Japan, one million and a quarter tons, and most of the smaller nations have An' what is true of farmin' must h also increased.

"To put the position in another tight, in 1914 the United Kingdom owned 41 per cent. of the world's steam you can't make hay by loafin', it's

a special interview, expert committionnage; to-day it owns only 33 per tees have been entrusted with the cent. The growth of the United States' responsible task of organising particu- steam tonnage during the same period lar departments in connection with is equivalent to an increase of over the British Empire Exhibition, which 500 per cent. In 1914 Germany, with over five million tons, ranked second only to the United Kingdom; now she has a paltry half million, and her "We intend to make the British Em- former place has apparently been pire Exhibition," said Lord Morris, taken largely by the United States, who is chairman of the Executive France, Italy, Japan, and the Domin-Council. "an Imperial Industrial 'At ions. Norway, who occupied fourth Home' in the best and widest sense place before the war, is now in the of the term. Our aim is to bring to- seventh, while Japan, who was sixth,

"I am well aware that our great them see what every part of our far- steamship companies and shipowners flung and richly endowered Empire is generally are fully alive to the gravity for us to utilise the vast and varied portance of providing cheap, rapid and improved facilities for ocean trans-

"The Exhibition should, and I am

convinced will be of immense educacolousal debts. This wastage must be tional value. One half of the Empire replaced, these liabilities met. This does not know how the other half can best be done so far as the Empire lives. Still less does it know what the particularly in the direction of de- striking object-lesson, first, as regards veloping our boundless natural re- the magnitude of the Empire's resources, and secondly, of the produc-"Great things have been accomplish- tive power and skill of its millions of ed in the past by industrial exhibi- citizens. Thus we should demonstrate tions, in making known to the world the great fact that the British Empire the quality and variety of the raw is really a world in itself, and that and manufactured products of the Em- with adequate commercial and inpire, especially the former. But, too dustrial organisation should become often, we have stopped short and been self-supporting and, if occasion should satisfied merely to exhibit these pro- arise, absolutely independent of forducts, as if that was all that was nec- eign countries, so far at least as supessary. Whereas we should have gone plies of raw materials are concerned. a step farther and developed the in- I regard this form of economic indedustries represented by or dependent pendence as one of the main planks of on those products. In other words, our enlightened, practical Imperialism. It methods have lacked thoroughness; is a sound business proposition, and we have not turned to the best ad- makes for strength, solidarity and

"I am no pessimist." Lord Morris said in conclusion. "On the contrary. The couplet of the old Roman poet

Empires and nations flourish and de-

By turns command, and in their turns will never. I believe, apply to the British Empire. At the same time there are certain signs that fill one with misgiving. One is the widespread failure to grasp the radically changed conditions caused by the war and the special efforts necessary to meet these consentence which I quote from the final ditions. We must either bend adverse circumstances to our will, or ourselves be bent. I am not in favour of State intervention in commercial or industrial affairs as a general principle; but if private enterprise will not take the initiative, then the State must step in and, in the interests of the community, lead the way. We cannot afford to remain supine. Unless we commerce. My hope is that the Empire Exhibition will provide a powerful stimulus and sharp spur to action.

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