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CANADA AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

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THIS is truly a World's fair. The average American's idea of things is bigness, and that idea is carried out here in St. Louis to almost an extravagant degree. Magnitude seems to have been the end aimed at in the planning and execution of everything, and now the almost universal verdict is that the whole thing is too big.

The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, the stupendous temples are planned and executed on such a magnificent scale that it may truly be claimed the world has never beheld the like before. But they cover too much ground, and one loses too much time and energy in getting from one to the other.

But all that aside, the readers of *The Horticulturist* will want to know where, amid all this magnitude and splendor, Canada comes in. In the common phraseology of the day, let me assure them that Canada is fully and emphatically "in it." No country or state is more so. And let me observe just here that nothing less than Canada has done would have sufficed to give that effect required at the present time. The name of Canada, and I might say the fame of Canada, has penetrated every quarter of the United States during the past two years, and every citizen of the United States has heard what is called here "the Canadian boom." What Canada is doing here at this

great exposition is practically substantiating all that has been heard of her boundless resources and the marvellous variety of her products. "These exhibits," said a prominent Cincinnati man, "tell us more than we have ever heard about Canada, and we can no longer doubt."

The majority of Americans were willing to believe that Canada could produce grain, live stock and agricultural products in almost unlimited variety, but they were scarcely prepared to believe that she could produce such a variety of fruits. "Does all this fruit grow in that cold country?" is the question that we have to meet continuously. That we are meeting and answering the question convincingly, may be gathered from the remarks that one hears on the streets, in the public places, and even from the pulpits sometimes, when the features of the fair come under observation.

SOMETHING ABOUT OUR EXHIBITS.

Of the Canadian exhibits in the mining, agricultural and other departments I will merely say that they are attracting wide attention and provoking much favorable comment. The horticultural building, generally speaking, comes last on the list, and the visitor has seen pretty nearly everything before he comes to the fruit. We have the advantage, therefore, in getting the impression that he has already formed of Canada