

Seven years ago its buildings were flimsy and unpretentious. There were no exhibits from places outside Ontario. Now you have two million dollars invested in permanent buildings. These fine buildings and the permanent trained staff connected with them have enabled your Toronto Exhibition to cast off the modest and provincial dress in which she was gowned when I first had the honor of making her acquaintance, and to garb herself in all the dignity and majesty of National and Imperial robes.

Now nearly every Province in the Dominion is represented in the Exhibition—most of the Provincial Governments sending a provincial exhibit. Free space has also been generously and wisely placed at the disposal of the manufacturers of the United Kingdom and of the other over-seas dominions for the exhibition of their products.

I should like to congratulate Dr. Orr, Mr. George, Mr. McNaught and Mr. Gooderham on the work they have accomplished. It is my firm impression that they have planned better than they knew. I believe this Toronto Exhibition is destined to become, under the stimulating influence of the national and imperial spirit of Toronto, not only a more and more important national exhibition of the Dominion of Canada, but also in time a world embracing exhibition of the whole British Empire.

You are peculiarly well situated for such an exhibition. Your geographical position, the density