

The Cereal and Mineral Exhibit.

Because of the recent date at which the present exhibit of cereals and minerals from Northwestern Ontario was proposed and authorized, it has been found quite impossible to make an adequate collection. The difficulty of doing so will be readily apparent when it is remembered that the territory is about a thousand miles long, and that the facilities for transport are rather infrequent and uncertain. Then too, the season being late, grain was not ripe and could not be procured in time. Despite these drawbacks, however, it is hoped that the collection, especially of minerals, here presented, and which have been secured by the voluntary aid and ready co-operation of prominent citizens in the several localities, may be of service in giving to the Eastern public a more adequate and accurate idea of the immense and, it is believed, inexhaustible mineral resources of this section of Ontario, and which only await the tap of the miner to yield a rich harvest for investment.

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