

A detailed statement of awards will be found annexed to this report.

Out of our total of 534 exhibitors, nearly one-third or about 171 were exhibitors of grain samples. These exhibits were treated as a collective one, for which the gold medal was awarded to the Department of Agriculture. It has been determined to grant a certificate from the Canadian Commission to the contributors to this collective exhibit stating this fact.

Deducting these 171 exhibitors and the Dominion awards, the remaining 361 exhibitors received 255 awards. Of these grain sample exhibitors, 123 were from Ontario, five from Nova Scotia, twelve from Prince Edward Island, four from Manitoba, and twenty-seven from British Columbia. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Quebec, contributed a collection of fifty-six samples from that Province: Mr. Selwyn also contributed a collection of samples of British Columbian grain. Excluding these 171 exhibitors, to whom, collectively, one award was made, the proportion of awards to exhibitors would be as follows:—

	No. of Exhibitors.	No. of Awards.	Percentage Awards.
			per ct.
Ontario .....	205	138	67
Quebec .....	107	88	82
Nova Scotia .....	27	20	74
New Brunswick .....	8	6	75
Prince Edward Island .....	13	2	15
British Columbia .....	1	1	100
Manitoba .....			

This explains why Manitoba does not show any awards as a Province. Her exhibits were samples merged in collective ones, or were exhibited through the Dominion Departments.

I have to acknowledge the support and assistance rendered to me by the Hon. A. Mackenzie, Premier, the Hon. C. A. P. Pelletier, Chairman, and my fellow Commissioners Sir John Rose, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Drolet and Mr. Duffus, as well as to Mr. Selwyn, who not only ably represented the Department over which he presided, but gave his assistance freely as well in preparation for as during the exhibition, and generally in all matters connected with it.

In explanation of the length of and detail in this report, I have felt so strongly the absence of similar reports of previous exhibitions, that I have considered it imperative upon me to put upon record the various points which will have to be considered when in the future the country is called upon and decides to embark in another International Exhibition.

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