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The first number of the *Industrial World and National Economist* was published at Ottawa on June 24th, 1880, and its publication was continued there until the close of the year 1881. Recently the enterprise passed into the hands of THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER PUBLISHING COMPANY, with Toronto for headquarters and place of publication, the name and style of the paper having been changed as above. A change has been made also in the form of the paper, which it is believed will be a great improvement for purposes of preservation and reference; and, instead of taking a range covering other branches of business as well as manufactures, it will devote itself to the latter exclusively. The new journal, very appropriately, as is believed, makes its appearance at the opening of the year 1882.

The name chosen for the paper indicates its object, and the special place it is intended to fill. As the title suggests, to promote the manufacturing interests of Canada will be its aim first, last, and all the time; though it has, of course, to be remembered that this purpose cannot be fulfilled without proper attention to what is going on in the manufacturing world outside. These interests are now rapidly increasing in extent and importance: industries some time established are expanding, while new ones, before untried in this country, are being started. The time seems auspicious, therefore, for the appearance of a journal which shall make the advancement

of Canada's manufacturing interests its special mission. Other interests agricultural, commercial and financial-- have their representative organs in the Press, and why not the important interest of manufactures, too? It is believed that the time has fully come when Canadian manufacturers, the Dominion over, cannot fail to extend their hearty support to a journal established for the express purpose of filling the void.

In conformity with this intention, the paper will furnish thoroughly reliable reports of the chief markets for the great staples of iron cotton, wool, leather, &c. New and important inventions and processes will from time to time receive due mention in its pages; and friends are cordially invited to send, as opportunity may permit, any new information they may have to favour us with in connection with specific improvements and the progress of manufactures generally. Authenticated items of interesting news regarding manufactures will be gladly received. The little trouble involved in sending a few lines by post card, or by letter if a longer description be necessary, may be the means of conveying information of very great interest to many readers.

In the United States industrial journalism has reached large proportions, the aggregate circulation of papers devoted to the various manufacturing specialties being now something enormous, with capital invested and advertising patronage to correspond. The Dominion having taken a fresh start in the race of manufacturing progress offers surely a fair field for just such a paper as the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER is intended to be.

A paper devoted to the manufacturing interests must of course steadily advocate such a policy of Protection as these interests imperatively require, most of all in a new country like Canada, with a powerful Protectionist neighbour on its border. But, while the great principle involved will be advocated on its merits, everything of a political character will be carefully avoided. Strictly speaking, the question of building up home manufactures by means of Protection should not be one for political parties to divide upon, any more than questions of mechanics or engineering-- that is, if it be taken for granted that the country's material prosperity is something