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Editorial.

CANADA'S GREAT FAIR.

The fifth annual exhibition of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association, which will be held in this city from the 11th to the 22nd September, promises to eclipse all of its predecessors in size and interest. The manager and directorate have spared no pains to make it a grand success, and we look forward to the fortnight of its continuance as a red letter period in this year's history of Toronto. It is expected that the Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. the Princess Louise will formally open the exhibition, an event doubly interesting, as it will commemorate their last visit to Toronto. The "Queen City" will be *en fete*, and should the weather prove favorable we shall expect to have an influx of nearly half a million of visitors to see Canada's greatest Fair. Railways, both in the United States and Canada, have arranged special excursions, and the probability is that this year our show will make itself more cosmopolitan than ever before. Canada, as well as Toronto, should feel justly proud of our Industrial Exhibition, for by comparison it is far ahead of anything of a similar kind in Great Britain or Europe, and fully abreast of the best State Exhibitions that our neighbors to the south of us can boast. As representing not only the enterprise of the citizens of Toronto,

but the genius and progress of the people of Canada generally, it is well worthy of a visit and of the support of our people at large. The people of Toronto are willing that it should be judged upon its merits alone, and only ask a fair field and no favour.

The grounds and buildings will be open to the public on Tuesday, the 11th September, at 9 o'clock, a.m., and will continue open each day from 9 a.m. till 10 o'clock, p.m., both grounds and buildings being lighted by electricity each evening. We understand that all the railways running into the city have agreed upon a uniform rate, the first week at one and one third fare, and the last week at a single fare for the double journey.

The low fares and special attractions should make this a favourable time for buyers to visit this market and make a personal selection from the large and well assorted stocks that our wholesale dealers have been importing to meet the demand of this fall's trade.

THE OUTLOOK.

The harvest for the year has now been pretty well gathered in, and merchants both wholesale and retail are taking the precaution to forecast the probable state of business before proceeding to make their final arrangements for this fall's trade. It is well that it should be so, for as a rule the successful merchant is the one who looks carefully ahead and lays his plans for the future, as the necessities of the times seem to demand. The merchant who goes tearing along under a full head of steam, and takes no heed of breakers ahead in the shape of bad harvests and such like commercial drawbacks, although he may succeed for a time, is almost sure to come to grief in the long run. For these reasons we say our merchants are wise to forecast the future carefully before proceeding to make investments which may either make them or break them before they are finally disposed of.

As everyone of our readers know, the early part of the past season was extremely dispiriting from a commercial standpoint. Talk as we may, the farmers are the backbone of this country, and it depends almost entirely upon the success of our annual harvest whether our country is going to be blessed with good times or suffer from depression. The

outlook during the early part of the season was black, for it seemed almost certain that the wet, cold, stormy weather was bound to make this year's harvest a failure, and there was as usual, not wanting those who prophesied ruin and disaster to Canada as a natural consequence. We are glad to know, however, that these anticipations of evil were ill founded, and that the favorable harvest weather has made such an improvement in the prospects as to warrant the conclusions that we are going to have a fair if not a good year after all. Although fall wheat is below the average, spring wheat and other coarse grains are good, while root crops are better than usual. In the Province of Manitoba, wheat is more than an average crop, and the Prairie Province alone, after supplying her home demand, will, it is estimated, have fully 3,500,000 for export. In the Province of Ontario the general crop is somewhat behind that of last year—how much will be seen by the annexed table, compiled by Mr. A. Blue, of the Ontario Bureau of Industry.

	1883.		1882.	
	Acres.	Bush.	Acres.	Bush.
Fall Wheat.....	1089455	10222359	1188220	31257292
Spring Wheat.....	537000	10237080	580317	9663009
Barley.....	170224	20018495	888017	1224107
Oats.....	1123229	55721044	1376115	5007097
Hay.....	48188	357774	128034	350888
Peas.....	543713	11718339	557157	10043335
Totals.....	4537817	118939091	4744557	127966833

From this it will be seen that the main falling off in this year's crop is in fall wheat, but this local failure in Ontario will be more than made up by the great crop in Manitoba, and as a matter of fact we may safely consider the wheat crop of Canada as fully equal to that of any former year. As a matter of fact, however, it is gratifying to know that Ontario and the older provinces are in a large measure getting independent of the wheat crop which was formerly our sole mainstay. Every year we are having less attention devoted to wheat and more to the raising of cattle and dairy products, and these we are glad to see from the same report are more than usually favorable:

"A return of the dairy butter produce of last year shows that the quantity made was 98,442,123 lbs.; but a large number of farmers were unable to fill the schedule under this head, and it is probable that the quantity given does not represent more than seventy per cent. of the actual production, possibly not so much. There are in the province this year 29 creameries, or 18 more than last year. The produce of 17 of these from the opening of the season to July 31st was 250,308 lbs., of