

There are other ways in which our Government may forward the true utility poultry interests of this province than by continuing the grant to the Ontario, or giving it to local associations, the members of which are principally city, town and village fanciers.

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Grove Poultry Yards, Cobourg,
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Canadian Farm Products for the Paris Exposition.

To the Editor of FARMING:

In response to the request contained in your note of the 15th inst., I gladly give you a brief report on the character of the agricultural and horticultural exhibits which have been sent from all sections of the Dominion for display at the Paris Exposition.

Beginning with the extreme east of the Dominion, Prince Edward Island has sent three cases containing different sorts of grain in the straw, as well as samples of threshed grain, among which are some very good representative specimens of the production of the island. About twenty-five cases of fresh fruit have also been sent to cold storage in Montreal, the product of Prince Edward Island; these will be forwarded sufficiently early in the year to be shown at the opening of the Exposition.

Nova Scotia has forwarded five cases containing good, representative samples of wheat, oats and barley, collected from different parts of that province, consisting partly of grain and in the straw and partly of threshed grain. Of fresh fruit, eighty cases of very fine apples and several cases of pears have been carefully packed and forwarded to cold storage in Montreal, to represent the fruit-growing industry of this province. These specimens have been collected chiefly in the Annapolis and Cornwallis valleys, and include some magnificent examples, which will do credit to this great fruit-growing section of Canada.

New Brunswick has also sent five cases of cereal products, including samples of wheat, oats, barley, rye and buckwheat, and fifty cases of fresh fruit, including some very fine examples.

Quebec will be well represented. Fourteen cases of agricultural products have been forwarded from this province, including samples of all the principal cereals, both in straw and threshed, gathered from different parts of Quebec. A good exhibit of tobacco has also been sent by the Government, and a selection of grasses.

As regards cereals, the display from the Province of Ontario will be comparatively small. Only four cases of these have been forwarded, one of which came from the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm at Guelph, one from the Agricultural Society of Sault Ste. Marie, and the remaining two contain samples of cleaned grain sent in by individual farmers from different parts of the province.

Ontario will, however, be well represented as regards fruit. A very large collection, consisting of more than six hundred bottles of fruit put up in preserving fluids, has been prepared, under the direction of the Provincial Government, by Prof. H. L. Hutt, Horticulturist of the Agricultural College at Guelph. This will make a very fine display. A good, representative collection of fresh fruit has also been brought together from the Province of Ontario, numbering, in all, about one hundred cases.

The Government of Manitoba has prepared and forwarded a large and excellent display of cereals of the province, consisting of grain, both threshed and in the straw. Thirty-one cases have been received through this source and, as the season there has been very favorable for getting grain of high quality, this exhibit will do great credit to the Prairie Province.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has got together and shipped a very fine series of examples of threshed grain from all the more important grain produc-

ing sections of the territories. These have been secured by offering prizes for the best specimens at the different agricultural fairs during the autumn, and selecting the prize samples.

British Columbia has forwarded sixteen cases in all, comprising a very excellent collection of the cereal and other agricultural products of different parts of the large province. This collection includes fine samples of wheat, barley, and oats; also some excellent examples of tobacco and manufactured cigars from the Kelowna district in the interior of British Columbia.

A large number of samples of fruit—about five hundred in all—have been put up in bottles containing preserving fluids, from the Province of Quebec. Similar collections, but somewhat smaller, have been prepared at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and at the branch Experimental Farm at Agassiz, B.C.

At each of the five Experimental Farms a large display of agricultural products has been prepared, embracing many varieties which will no doubt prove of great interest to visitors at the Paris Exposition. The Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa has sent twenty-two cases; the Experimental Farm at Nappan, N.S., seven cases; the Brandon Farm, eighteen cases; Indian Head Farm, thirteen cases; and the Experimental Farm at Agassiz, five cases. These are all filled with grain in the straw and threshed grain, and other agricultural productions.

A number of cases of fresh fruit have also been collected at the branch Experimental Farm at Nappan, N.S., to show the products of that part of Nova Scotia; and a large consignment has gone into cold storage representing many different sorts of fine fruits grown on the Agassiz Experimental Farm.

This grand exhibit, when brought together at the Paris Exposition, will be suitably displayed in the space allotted for these exhibits. The horticultural contributions will be tastefully arranged in one of the main buildings which has been set apart for horticulture, and this will give an opportunity of placing our Canadian fruit so that it may be compared with that from other countries.

The agricultural products will be shown in the Canadian Building. A grand central trophy will be erected near the middle of the building on the ground floor, which will be seen from all parts of the structure. A large space has been reserved on the second story for a series of trophies, in which representative products from each of the provinces will be shown. Some of the best of the exhibits will be shown in provincial groups. There will also be a special trophy on which tobacco in the leaf, as well as in different manufactured forms, will be displayed. There will also be a good exhibit of hops, flax, fibre, and wool.

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Director.

Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, January 18th, 1900.

One Farmer's Wife's Estimate of Free Seeds

A certain Congressman was over anxious to fix himself solid with a certain farmer in his district by supplying quantities of various free seeds at the Government's expense. Mrs. Farmer, being the better and more sensible half of the two, became disgusted and weary of such non-sensical, political ingratiatory proceedings, and went at Mr. Congressman in this manner:

"If you think John can help pay the interest on this farm mortgage with seeds from Washington, you are as much mistaken as if you think that you will gain any votes in this household by sending them. What we want is not seeds but cash, and if you think so much of John as your frequent communications indicate, why send him a \$5 bill. If you are timid about that, or you can't send \$5, why may be you can spare \$2, but don't send any more seeds."
—Exchange.