

In setting apart for the Dominion the spaces thus indicated, I would wish to point out that one of the reasons for so doing is, that, in the Court known as the Western Gallery, all the necessary appliances exist for working Machinery in motion; and, therefore, should your Government elect to show this branch of industry, the means for so doing are ready at hand. A spacious Aquarium is also contiguous to this gallery, and the Royal Commission has thought that this would be an inducement for the Government of the Dominion of Canada to exhibit live specimens of fish. For these reasons, therefore, and having due regard to the central and important position of the courts the Royal Commission has considered the apportionment eminently suitable to the Dominion.

With reference to the administration of the Exhibition, I have already stated that it is my intention to take the same executive part as I did in the case of the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878; and, with the consent of Her Majesty's Government, I have selected Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lewen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., Director of the South Kensington Museum, to act as Secretary to the Royal Commission. I shall, in all matters of special importance, address myself personally to the Executive Commissioner appointed by your Government, but I shall be obliged by all general correspondence being carried on with the Secretary of the Royal Commission.

As regards the method of representation to be adopted by your Government, I hope that your Government will appoint a single Executive Commissioner to represent it at the Exhibition, and it will give me great pleasure to find that you have been nominated to this post, and that, if necessary, not more than two or three commissioners appointed by your Government should assist you in these duties.

Without being able to fix an exact date so far in advance, the Exhibition will open during the first fortnight in May, in the year 1886. With the ample time which is being given to all concerned, I sincerely hope that the work of installation may be complete at least a fortnight previous to the date of opening.

As the object of this Exhibition is to represent the progress and the development of each colony, it has been considered impracticable to call upon the colonial Governments to comply with any form of classification, as has been the custom at previous exhibitions. Each colony is, therefore, at liberty to make a classification best suitable to its own requirements.

In furtherance of this idea, I trust that each Government will take an early opportunity of preparing a catalogue of the objects intended for exhibition, which, for the sake of uniformity, I would request should be modelled somewhat on the principle of the enclosed specimen, more especially as regards size of page and style of type. Each Government will be at liberty to sell its own catalogue, but the Royal Commission will be glad to receive, as soon as practicable, a digest of it, in order that it may be embodied in a general catalogue of the Exhibition, which will be published by the Commission.

Many points of interest will doubtless present themselves to you and to those who are concerned in the preparation of the Exhibition, but I should wish particularly to point out that I hope that careful statistics of your Dominion may be prepared, carrying the information to 1885, and in such a clear and readable form as to permit this valuable information to be readily understood by the working classes of this country. Maps, specially prepared for the information of the public, should also, as far as possible, be prominently shown in courts of the Dominion. It is hoped that these statistics, as well as the maps on a reduced scale, will be largely made use of in the catalogues.

Much interest is taken in this country in the Woods of the various colonies, and I shall be glad to find, that where cases are requisite for the display of goods, these cases should be made from the native Woods of the Dominion, in order that a complete representation of them may be practically shown.

With reference to the building stones and marbles of the Dominion, I would suggest that they should be sent over in the form of pedestals, a sketch to scale of which is enclosed, as likely to add uniformity, and to render the specimens of commercial value.