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THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION vs.
THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS'
ASSOCIATION.

[The following article has been withheld until after the close of the Industrial Exhibition, so that it could not be claimed that we had any desire to prejudice its success in any way.]

For some time past the attitude of the Industrial Exhibition Association towards the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been inexplicable. Ever since the inception of Toronto's annual Exhibition, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been among its warmest supporters. Its individual members have done much towards making it as successful as it has become, and as a body they have always been ready and willing to extend their aid in such manner and at such time as was deemed to be the most effective in attaining the object sought by all, viz., the best interests of what has been aptly called Canada's Great Fair. The members of the Manufacturers Association having proved such true and tried friends and supporters of the Industrial Exhibition, it would naturally be thought that they should have received some consideration this year at the hands of the Exhibition directors; but we regret to say that their friendly offices have been met with discourtesy so marked as to leave no room for doubt that either political or personal animus is the cause which has produced so untoward an effect.

In order that our readers may understand fully the necessity for such criticism, we state some of the facts, and state them plainly, and at the proper time will have more to say in this connection.

Last year our esteemed President, Mr. W. H. Storey, was elected an honorary director of the Industrial Exhibition Association, and his presence, representing such a representative body of men as those composing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, added dignity to the Board. This year, without cause or notice, his name was quietly dropped from the list of honorary directors, although the representatives of several other interests, certainly not more important than the Manufacturers Association, were duly elected to sit at the Board. Not satisfied with so deliberate a personal insult to the honored head of our Association, as well as to its members through their President, a further indignity was to follow. On the opening day, when Sir John A. Macdonald officiated at the opening ceremonies, members of the City Council, members of the Board of Trade, and many other guests were invited to be present; but with an oversight so marked as to be exceptional, neither the President nor either of the Vice-Presidents of the Manufacturers' Association received any invitation, although the exhibits furnished by its individual members were what practically made the Exhibition. It may be said, and with truth, that the Manufacturers' Association have already two members on the Exhibition Board, but if our President were considered worthy of election one year, we should know the reason why he was relegated to the outer circle the year succeeding? We have not heard that the representatives of our Association on the Board protested against such cavalier treatment, although, in fact, the only effective protest that can be made is the resignation of their seats until such time as the dignity of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which they were elected to represent, is maintained. As our Association will shortly be in session, we withhold further comment, as this matter, which concerns us all, will then be fully ventilated.

NEWSPAPER VENALITY.

In a recent issue of this journal allusion was made to the iron moulders' strike then in progress in the town of Galt, Ont. It was explained that the difficulty between the foundry-men and workmen was not on account of wages, for on this point there is not nor has there been any dispute; but that it grew out of the demand of the moulders that their employers should recognize their union; and that in contracting for the labor of workmen, the negotiations should be with and through the union as such, and not with the workmen as individuals. We also showed that the foundrymen of Galt were determined never to accede to this proposition, and that sooner than do so they would close their works and quit the business.

It is to be noticed that almost without exception whenever any of the daily papers have taken occasion to allude to this strike, it was to show up the matter from the standpoint of the strikers; and in no instance has anything published in these papers that has come under our observation, been in the direction of defending the foundrymen in their right to manage their business on accepted business principles; to suit themselves,