

SAANICH PREPARES SPLENDID DISPLAY

FOR THE EXHIBITION
AT NEW WESTMINSTER

**Fruit the Principal Feature — Shipped
Car-Load of Produce to Main-
land Yesterday.**

(From Friday's Daily.)

the district display of the Saanich Agricultural Association at the Dominion exposition, New Westminster, was shipped to the Mainland. It made up a carload lot, the committee in charge exercising the greatest care in packing so that the specimens of fruit, vegetables, grain, etc., might reach their destination with-

out injury. All the farmers residing in Saanich are enthusiastic in discussing the display in course of preparation. They say it represents the best produce of the country, and should make up the finest exhibit ever collected by the association. The management committee also is confident of victory, one of its members, J. W. Martindale, expressing the opinion that other districts would find it exceedingly hard to out-point Saanich in respect to the quality of the fruit, roots, etc., and that, if defeated, it would be because of the faulty arrangement of the collection.

But every precaution is being taken against such an occurrence. Before the exhibit left Vancouver Island the executive of the Saanich Agricultural Association had prepared an elaborate de-

sign for its display. Of course the details of this will not be known to the public before the opening of the fair. It is understood, however, that an er-

cellent position has been secured near the main entrance to the hall, that quite a large space has been obtained, and that many other facilities necessary in order that the committee may do itself

justice have been provided for. Surrounding the pyramid, usually adopted for the purpose of showing the specimens to the best possible advantage will be an artistic wheat fence. This

is intended to show the agriculturists of the Mainland as well as Eastern visitors that Vancouver Island is not behind other sections of British Columbia in the cultivation of what is generally considered the most important of farm products.

As was mentioned in these columns in the account of the Saanich agricultural

annual show, the farmers of that district have this year excelled themselves in fruit growing, having produced a fine specimens of the most desirable varieties as could be found on the coast.

For this reason a specialty will be made of the line, and it is hoped to surprise Mainland residents by showing them that the importance of fruit growing has at last been realized and, what is more,

that the climatic and other conditions prevailing here, give the farmers every facility for the cultivation of a quality of fruit not excelled by the output of the finest orchards of the interior. In fact the competition between the di-

ferent district exhibits is expected to depend largely upon the judges' opinion of the quality of the fruits of the various sections. Since the market of the Northwest has developed all British C

Columbia agriculturists have begun to interest themselves in fruit to some extent and, therefore, it will figure more prominently in all the displays making the competition much more keen and

Thursday the personnel of the executive committee was given, J. W. Martindale, Miss Martindale, Fred Torgeson.

those who would accompany the exhibit to New Westminster and supervise placing it in position. They will be assisted by members of the organization at Saanich.

ich, who will look after forwarding all material that may be required to put the finishing touches to the display.

Now that the Dominion Exposition is so near at hand Victorians are begin-

has been evidenced since the announcement by the Dominion government that the Royal City Agricultural Association had been awarded the grant for the third year. Messrs. Keene and

Directors of the association have worked hard and will soon have the pleasure of witnessing the results of their month of labor. Judging from reports received from those having visited Westminster,

not only are the buildings complete, but most of the interior exhibits are in place. There is every indication, in fact, that when the opening day of the show arrives everything will be ready for it.

reception of the thousands of visitors needed. In all probability a party of Victorians, representing the B. C. Agricultural Association and including Mayor Barnard, Secretary Swiner

and other officials, will take in the exhibition some time during the week of its progress. They will make a call on the managers and, of course, extend their congratulations.

For the convenience of the large num-

ber of Victorians wishing to visit fair, it is understood that the C.P.R. tend arranging excursion rates. The fact that the Fifth Regiment will take an active part in the military manoeuvres.

vres announced for the first days of show, is likely to attract many local civilians. During their stay at Royal City the local volunteers will camp at some suitable spot near the

position buildings and officers announce that during their sojourn there they will be pleased to receive civilian friends from Victoria.

The first regular meeting of the

working year of the Women's Auxilliary of the Royal Provincial Jubilee hospital will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in the city hall.