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THE NATIONAL FAIR AT TORONTO

Only One Entry in the Honey Classes

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Once more the great fair has come and gone, and despite the wet and very unfavorable conditions of the weather, it has broken all records. Many improvements over last year were to be seen, chief among which was the new Government building, erected by the Ontario and Dominion governments.

On Friday August 30th the "Fourth Estate" was the guest of the Directors and was accorded all the courtesies considered due to the "Press." The press was well represented by a large gathering of rural editors, great and small, at the Director's luncheon. President Kent extended a hearty welcome and thanked the press for its hearty assistance.

Mr. John R. Bone, President of the Canadian Press Association, responded in fitting terms.

The "Garden of Canada" made a magnificent showing of its agricultural wealth. Those responsible for the preparation of the Ontario exhibit are to be congratulated. It surpassed anything we have seen in the past. From the prize winning entries in the Ontario Standing Field Crops Competition conducted by the Agricultural Society of Ontario, was a display located directly under the central dome of the new government building that could scarcely be surpassed. A monster pyramid thirty-feet in height and thirty-two feet in diameter, covered with threshed grain and sheaves from the prize winning crops. Vegetables artistically arranged by the

Vegetable Growers Association adorned the base. Scattered among the grains and vegetables were beautiful globes containing fruit and flowers from the largest orchards and gardens in the province. Two smaller pyramids flank the main exhibit covered with grotesque specimens of freak squash and pumpkin growths. Mirrors artistically arranged added to the beautiful effects. One of the most interesting features of the exhibit was the educational display conducted by the Ontario Agricultural College. Methods of fertilization, irrigation and crop rotation were explained to all inquirers interested in the recently developed scientific side of agriculture. The application of this scientific branch to practical farming operation was well illustrated by a graphic illustration of the material gain in crop yield to be gained by proper underdraining, the advantage of which has so long lacked the full appreciation of the majority of farmers. In a series of bowls, of varying size, were placed quantities of grain proportionate to the average yield of different crops on good undrained land; and another series of bowls showing results on the same land when improved by underdraining, and the net gain in the output of the field which is accomplished by this improvement.

The province of British Columbia had a magnificent display of fruits and other products, together with very fine displays from the western provinces.

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