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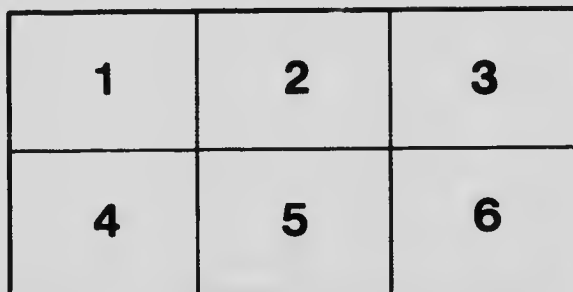
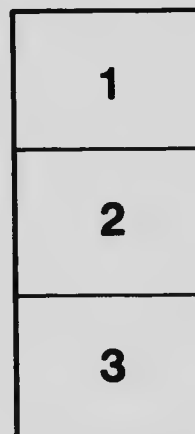
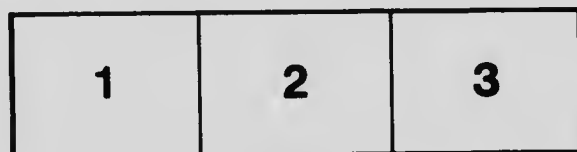
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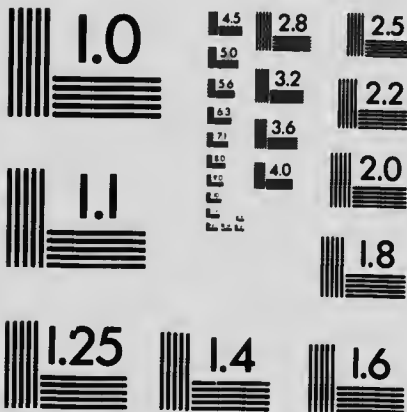
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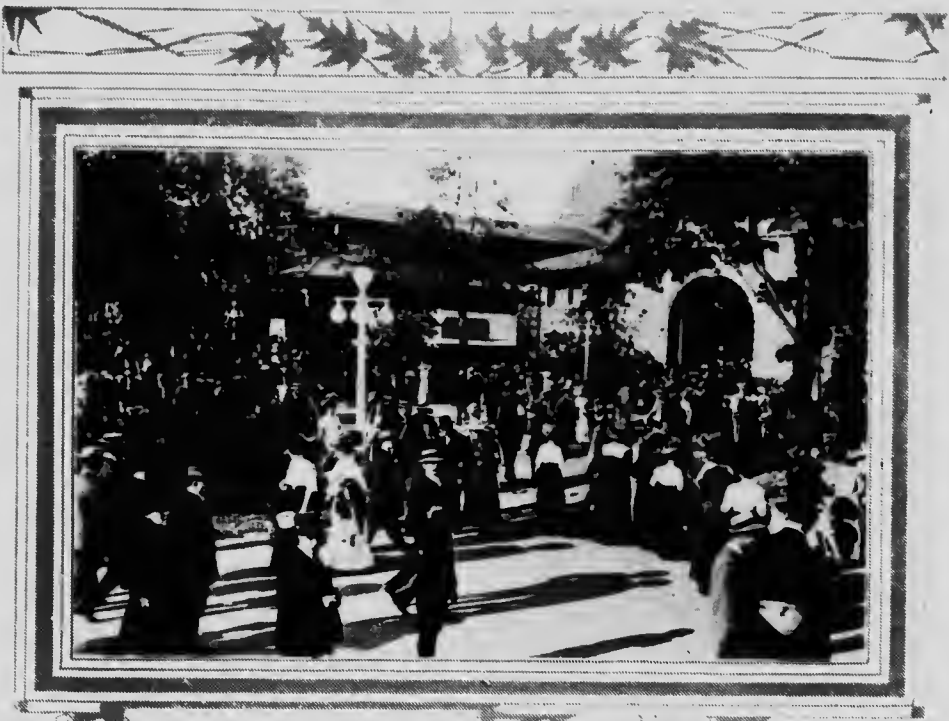
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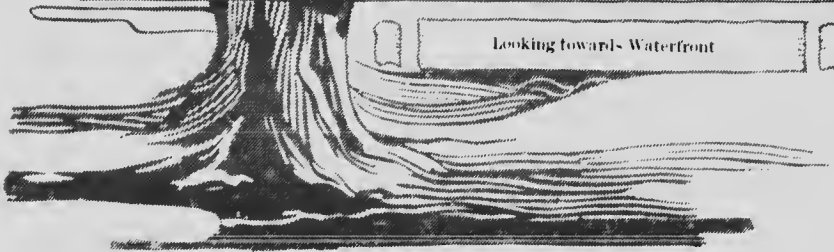
Manufactures Building



Grand Plaza



Looking towards Waterfront



THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION



In replying to an address at the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition, August 28th, 1911, His Excellency, The Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, said:—

I rejoice that it should be my privilege to open this great Toronto Exhibition just before I take my leave from Canada after seven years of happy and continuous residence among you. At any period of a man's life, seven years is a long time. But seven years when one is between 50 and 60 is at least 14 years at any earlier period, so I think I may claim to be, not only in heart, which was yours from the first day I landed in Canada, but in the very fibres and muscle of my body a genuine Canadian.

This is the seventh Toronto Exhibition which has been held during my governor-generalship. I have watched with ever-increasing satisfaction its steadily growing influence on the life of the Canadian people. I do not think it would be easy to find any evidence so eloquently demonstrative of Canadian development as that which is annually furnished by this exhibition.

Seven years ago its buildings were flimsy and unpretentious. There were no exhibits from places outside Ontario. Now you have two million dollars invested in permanent buildings. These fine buildings and the permanent trained staff connected with them have enabled your Toronto Exhibition to cast off the modest and provincial dress in which she was gowned when I first had the honor of making her acquaintance, and to garb herself in all the dignity and majesty of National and Imperial robes.

Now nearly every Province in the Dominion is represented in the Exhibition—most of the Provincial Governments sending a provincial exhibit. Free space has also been generously and wisely placed at the disposal of the manufacturers of the United Kingdom and of the other over-seas dominions for the exhibition of their products.

I should like to congratulate Dr. Orr, Mr. George, Mr. McNaught and Mr. Gooderham on the work they have accomplished. It is my firm impression that they have planned better than they knew. I believe this Toronto Exhibition is destined to become, under the stimulating influence of the national and imperial spirit of Toronto, not only a more and more important national exhibition of the Dominion of Canada, but also in time a world embracing exhibition of the whole British Empire.

You are peculiarly well situated for such an exhibition. Your geographical position, the density



Boy Scouts Parade



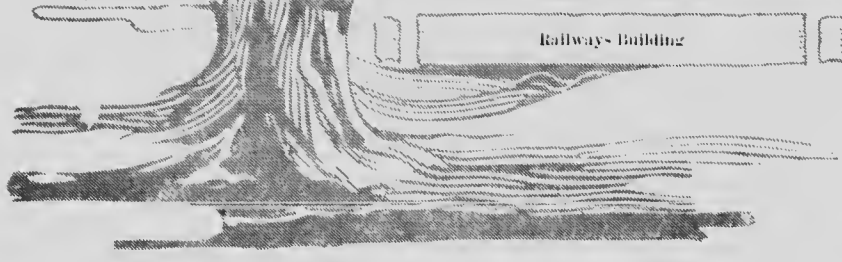
Model Camp



Horticultural Building



Railway Building



of your population—which in the Province of Ontario alone is more than double the population of the whole of New Zealand—the wise and generous liberality of the City of Toronto, which by subscribing annually to your requirements such sums as are necessary (this year I understand to the extent of \$300,000), has enabled you to establish these fine permanent buildings, the readiness with which your public spirited citizens have placed their valuable and disinterested services at your disposal, have made it possible for you to contemplate developments, which, in proportion as they are realized, will have an influence of far-reaching effect on the life of the Canadian nation and on its place in the Empire of the Crown.

Again, I desire to offer Dr. Orr, Mr. McNaught, Mr. George and Mr. Gooderham an expression of my sincere admiration and gratitude for the services they have rendered, not only to Ontario and Toronto, but to the Empire.

A few years ago these gentlemen approached me with a request that I should ask H. M. Government for a grant of one hundred thousand dollars to enable them to erect on these grounds a building to be exclusively devoted to the exhibition of products from the Motherland. H. M. Government replied that they could not do more for Toronto than for other big towns in the over-seas dominions, and consequently could not entertain the request. The next year these gentlemen asked me to approach the

Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom. I did so with a similar result.

At that time the Toronto Exhibition had not won for itself the reputation it enjoys to-day. Perhaps the time is coming when the other parts of the Empire will consider it a privilege, well worth buying, to have a permanent court in these grounds for the exhibition of their English, Irish, Scotch, New Zealand, South African and Australian products.

Two years ago, Dr. Orr, Mr. George and Mr. McNaught made use of the opportunity which my presence at the spring Woodbine meeting gave them to inform me that as neither H. M. Government nor the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom would give the money required for the erection of a building for the exhibition of articles manufactured in the Motherland, the Toronto Exhibition would place at the disposal of such manufacturers in the United Kingdom as might wish to exhibit in Toronto free space in which to show their articles. The result of this generous action has been most satisfactory. An increasing desire to take advantage of the opportunities so liberally offered to over-seas British manufacturers is manifesting itself.

British firms who formerly did no business in Canada are sending over their agents as well as their exhibits, and some of them have established permanent branches of their firms in the Dominion. I should like in this connection to refer to the services of Mr. Grigg, the British trade commissioner. I

have had ample opportunity of making myself acquainted with the character of his work, and as he is present here this afternoon, I am glad to be able to thank him before you all for what he has accomplished. Those who wish to increase the trade between Canada and the Motherland cannot do better than seek his advice and co-operation. He is a zealous servant of the Empire.

What is the object of this great annual festival? To bring the inhabitants of town and country together and to make them realize more fully their community of interest; to bring producer and consumer more closely together and to enable the latter's requirements to be met with less friction and greater dispatch; to enable breeder, cultivator and manufacturer to ascertain what their most successful competitors can accomplish, and what is possible for themselves. The farmer who visits this Exhibition can learn what the best farmers are doing, and how to add to the productiveness of his own farm; the manufacturers can see what other manufacturers are making and also learn what are the requirements of the consumer. It is also the object of this festival to stimulate the artistic, musical, joyous and cultured instincts of the people.

I would venture to suggest to the City of Toronto that they endeavor to make permanent use of the art building, the women's work building, the building of school exhibits and of manual training, and the natural history building. It seems a pity that these

buildings which belong to the city, should be in commission only for one fortnight in the year instead of being the permanent university of the people.

What is to be the future of this magnificent Province? That depends on you, the mothers and teachers of Ontario. I have sometimes trembled lest your Province should not realize the future greatness which awaits it if craven fears of being great do not interfere. I trust it is not true that the Argentine Republic and the prairie Provinces are taking from Ontario its best teachers, because they offer higher salaries than Ontario is willing to give. You cannot value or dignify the profession of the teacher too highly. Believe me, economy in teachers is the last economy to which a wise and patriotic people will descend. Search all over the world if need be, and keep, no matter at what price, the best teachers you can obtain, and teach your children not mechanically to repeat, but to think for themselves and to live for others.

If I might give you one last word, it would be this: keep the slum curse from out of your beautiful cities and make life in your country as attractive as you can.

As it is difficult for the farmers to go to the university, I am glad to hear that arrangements have been made to enable the university to go to the farm. The University of Wisconsin claims that it has been instrumental in adding \$20,000,000 yearly to the profits of the farmers. I hope the co-operation of



Judging Cattle



Pride of Horses



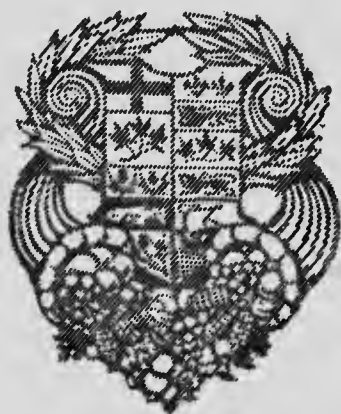
Going to Stables



Entrance Agricultural Building

the Government and the farmers of Ontario with the University of Toronto will enable your Province to do still better.

I am ambitious for Ontario, and I would beseech you on this last opportunity I shall have of addressing you, to bring up your children in such a way as will enable the future historian to say that it was because of the high and disinterested ideals of the people of Ontario, because of their courage and because of their faith, that the British Empire has been able to secure the reign of law, freedom, duty, justice and mercy throughout the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and thus to fulfil its mission to the world.



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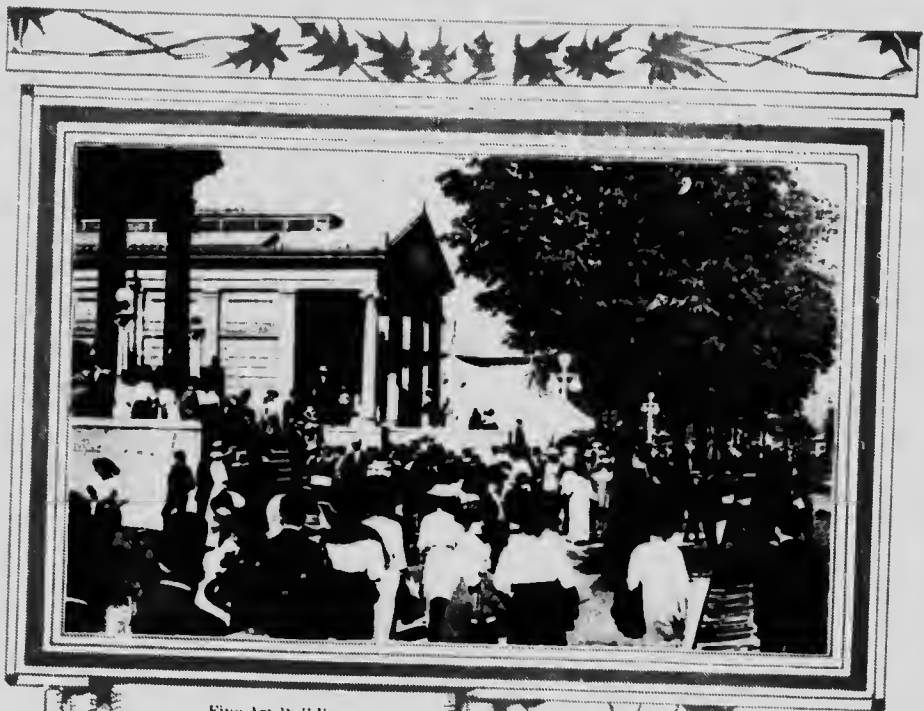
1879	\$ 57,296.00
1889	73,195.00
1899	109,085.00
1909	249,603.00
1910	293,797.00
1911	341,265.00

ATTENDANCE

1879	101,794
1908	650,000
1909	752,000
1910	837,000
1911	926,000
Largest attendance in one day, Sept. 4th, 1911	151,000

Held annually for two weeks for	33 years
Area of Exhibition Park	264 acres
Extent of Waterfront	1½ miles
Value of Buildings	\$2,125,000
Floor Space for Exhibits	600,000 sq. ft.
Seating capacity of fireproof Grand Stand	16,800

The Exhibition City, as Exhibition Park is called, has paved streets, twenty thousand Electric Lights, Telephone System, Postal System, Police Stations and Firehalls, etc.



Fine Art Building



Applied Art Building



Guards' Band Plays



The Grand Stand

