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CO-OPERATION IN EXHIBITIONS

No one, in these days, questions the value of these annually recurring exhibitions. They are great object lessons set before the people, and the results, direct and indirect, seen and unseen, are, upon the whole, good for the country at large, good for the various sections and interests of the country, good for those individuals who are the more particular to learn and improve.

While this is true, some drawbacks have been noted; and it has been found expedient and necessary to vary the show from time to time. Thirty years ago, County exhibitions were popular and useful. But with increased facilities for transportation and travel, County exhibitions are outgrown and discredited. Provincial Exhibitions have in recent years brought together a large variety of better things and greater numbers of the people; and the results have been more beneficial as the area involved has been wider, as the competitions have been keener, and as the emulation has been stronger.

Now the question is whether or not it would be advisable to have—instead of the annual Provincial exhibition, in each of the three Provinces,—an exhibition held each year alternately, at Halifax, St. John and Charlottetown,—a "rotating exhibition," as we recently heard it described in the cars, for all this Maritime part of Canada? It is clear, at all events, that if this idea were adopted a good deal of time and money would be saved. Moreover, the wider and keener competition that would be evoked, would serve to raise the respect of each Province for the other, show that the interests of each are those of the other, or complements of the other, and so create a spirit and feeling of oneness or identity among the people. There can be no doubt that Prince Edward Island has been already raised in the estimation of the people of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by the fact that so many Islanders have gone over to St. John and Halifax and taken so many prizes. There can be no doubt that the value of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would be strongly impressed upon the minds of the people of this Province if only they could have an opportunity of seeing, even in epitome, the various products of our sister Provinces. These good results, in addition to all the others which flow from exhibitions, would be obtained if only we could have a Maritime Provinces exhibition held alternately in Halifax, St. John and Charlottetown.

It may be objected that as comparatively few of the people of Prince Edward Island have been able to participate in the St. John and Halifax exhibitions, so comparatively few of the people of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would take part in the exhibition held at Charlottetown. There is some force in this objection. But if good prizes were offered we should be sure of a Maritime competition, while the usual attractions would, we may be sure, draw to Charlottetown many persons from abroad as well as the bulk of the population of Prince Edward Island, to compare and make note of the exhibits of the three provinces.

If the proposition should be entertained, the Governments of the three provinces might, we presume, be expected to contribute a portion of the expense; and as Halifax, St. John and Charlottetown have each exhibition grounds and buildings, the idea might be carried out without loss of money and with positively good results from other points of view. There has been no exhibition at Charlottetown in the past two years, and the first of the prop-

posed combined exhibitions might fittingly be held here. However this may be, the idea seems to be well worthy of consideration by the Governments, Legislatures and people of the three Maritime Provinces.

**P. E. ISLAND AT
THE EXHIBITIONS.**

As in St. John, so in Halifax, Prince Edward Island was very much in evidence at the exhibition. P. E. Islanders crowded the Halifax hotels, the cabs and the cars; and our merchants, doctors, lawyers, judges, clergymen, etc., mingled with the throng of those who exhibited and saw the exhibition. Some of the finest things shown were produced here; and the exhibit in the art department which seemed to attract the most attention was that of the architectural drawings and the landscape paintings of Mr. W. C. Harris, jr. Messrs G. Herbert and L. A. Hazard won golden opinions from all lovers of flowers and poultry;—while, as the prize list has shown, our leading farmers were among the successful exhibitors of live stock. That Prince Edward Island has been unable to return the compliment by giving Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers an opportunity to come over here and spend their money and scoop our prizes must be a matter of regret on the part of all our people—Liberals as well as Conservatives!

A QUESTIONABLE PROCEEDING.

The Minto has been sent around to Halifax, and it is expected that she is to convey one or two of the big-wigs of Ottawa to Sable Island. A survey of the dangerous coast of that locality is the alleged object of the proceeding. It is earnestly hoped that our "new winter steamer" will not, by any mishap, find a last resting place in this "graveyard of the Atlantic." A great deal of public money and much time will be needed to replace The Minto.

A SUGGESTIVE CIRCULAR

A circular which has been sent to Liberal workers in the polling divisions of West York, Ont., is published by the Toronto Mail. The circular reads as follows:—

Toronto Junction, Sept. 14, 1899.—Dear Sir: I herewith enclose a copy of the portion of the voters' list for the polling subdivision of your township. As the next election will no doubt be held upon the list now about to be revised, it is very important that this work should be done thoroughly, and your attention should be given at once. Would you kindly call a meeting of the workers in your division at the earliest possible date, and have the work done into minutely. Kindly inform me of the date of the meeting and I will endeavor, probably with some others, to be present, but in any event you have the work done. I must have the list of names to add and to strike off in my hands not later than Oct. 1. I would like very much that you would have the work practically done within ten days, so that we will have a week to work upon any finer work that is to be done. Kindly reply hereto. Yours truly,

A. J. ANDERSON.

Anderson, it is pointed out by the Hamilton Spectator, was returning officer for the constituency at the last general election and the chances are that he will act in the same capacity in the forthcoming contest. The reference in the circular to "finer work" is, in these days, of ballot box stuffing and kindred devices peculiar to the Grits, full of meaning. It is not probable that the circular is confined to one riding. Liberal-Conservatives should keep their eyes open; for, as the Spectator says, the Liberal government is desperate and will stop at nothing to carry the election.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Dissatisfaction with the Doukhobors exists in Manitoba. The large sums of money expended in importing them to Canada seems to have been thrown away.

—Perhaps the editor of The Patriot will now let the people know what he knows about the friendly feelings of a prominent Liberal ex-M. P., and Premier Farquharson!

—At the Methodist Ministers' Association, recently held, D. Lucas, of Toronto, said:—"I prophesy that the year 1901 will see the Dominion of Canada free from the liquor traffic."

—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says: "The Boers have begun looting in the western border of the Transvaal. A house at Lichtenberg belonging to a British subject was looted in his absence, everything portable being carried off."

—Not only Belfast and Murray Harbor but Fort Augustus as well need representatives in the Local Legislature. It is hoped that the Farquharson Administration will have the justice to hold the elections for all them upon the same day. We shall soon see.

—The French Minister of War has sent a circular to the commanders of all army corps forbidding officers travelling in Germany, Italy, and Austria to attend the manoeuvres of the troops or to go to the grounds where the manoeuvres are being held without the consent of the authorities of the countries referred to. At the same time it is distinctly stated that no army officer of the countries referred to will be allowed to witness the French army manoeuvres.

—The Presse of Montreal has a remarkable article regarding England's course in the Transvaal. The article, after declaring that the French in Canada are loyal to Great Britain, claims that the object of the British Empire League is the suppression of the Dutch in South Africa and of the French in Canada as the first steps towards Imperial Federation. Our contemporary labors under a delusion. But it may be right in saying that "while the French-Canadians are loyal to England, the mass of the population sympathizes with the Boers."

—The governor of Newfoundland, Sir Hugh McCallum, says that during his recent visit to the French Treaty coast he ascertained that the number of French fishermen there this year is less than ever before, that the French lobster fishery is a failure, and the French codfishery much below the average. He believes that the practical abandonment of the region by the French is merely a matter of a few years. Already one of their stations has been closed and several others narrowly escaped the same fate, owing to bait "striking in recently."

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