

CANADA AT BUFFALO

PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION SEEN
THROUGH CANADIAN EYES.

The Buildings Magnificent and Picturesque—Inside the Results of Centuries of Progress—The Opening Ceremonies—Canada's Contributions to the Exhibition Attract Wide-Spread Attention—Some Interesting Details.

(Special by Martha Craig.)

The first great exposition of science and industry of the 20th century has been inaugurated. Vice-President Roosevelt, Senator Lodge and Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff delivered the opening addresses. More than 100,000 people were present at the dedication ceremonies.

The exposition buildings are magnificent and picturesque. They rise like fairy palaces in the midst of their sombre surroundings. The building of this Rainbow City required a long sustained and persistent effort, and an outlay of more than \$10,000,000.

In the results attained the masterful genius of the American people is distinctly manifested.

Inside these gigantic buildings have been gathered together the results of centuries of progress. There we can become acquainted with the great commercial and industrial vitality of this country. The progress has been rapid, for in this great country "new ideas" are not crushed or nipped in the bud, but are carefully investigated, nurtured and in nine cases out of ten, materialized.

It may be sometimes at a loss, but the American does not mind that, his motto is "Nothing Venture, Nothing Win."

The opening speeches were delivered in the Temple of Music. The Vice-President's speech was remarkably well received. Amongst other fine sayings were the following: "In our eager, restless life of effort, but little can be done by that cloistered virtue which Milton wrote about with contempt. We need the rough, strong qualities that make a man fit to play his part well among men. Yet we need to remember even more that no ability, no strength and force, no power of intellect, or power of wealth, shall avail us, if we have not the root of right living in us; if we do not pay more than a mere lip royalty to the old, old commonplace virtues, which stand at the fountainhead of all social and political well-being."

"The true welfare of the nation is indissolubly bound with the welfare of the farmer and the wage-worker; of the man who tills the soil, and of the mechanic, the handicraftsman, the laborer. If we can insure the prosperity of these two classes we need not trouble ourselves about the prosperity of the rest, for that will follow as a matter of course."

Mr. ——— poem, King Toil, was well received. We quote two verses: A king is crowned on this May day, With pomp beyond the dreams of kings. From Pole to Pole extends his sway, And half a world its tribute brings.

Tolls barons, twain of brawn and brain, Their countless victories display, For brawn has wrought, what brain has taught, And both are passing proud to-day.

Canada will be well represented at the exhibition. The Dominion Government is erecting a pavilion which is rapidly advancing under the superintendence of J. Hutchinson, Esq., Canadian Commissioner. The pavilion will contain some very interesting exhibits. The Ontario Government is making four exhibits. The fruit, live stock and agricultural products are being superintended by C. C. James, Esq., Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Ontario Commissioner for the Pan-American Exhibition. The mineral exhibits have been collected and arranged by T. W. Gibson, Esq., Director of the Bureau of Mines for Ontario. The forestry exhibit has been prepared by Thomas Southworth, Esq., Director of Forestry for Ontario, and the archaeological exhibit has been arranged by David Boyle, Esq., Curator of the Archaeological Department.

The Ontario mineral exhibit is a revelation, and brings vividly before the people the vast mineral wealth of Canada which yielded \$65,000,000 worth last year, 1900. This exhibit will convince the American public that in the growing times Canada is the best place for solid investment.

The forestry exhibit consists of tree sections, and planks, natural and finished, and specimens of manufactured articles made in Ontario from the different kinds of timber. Amongst other manufactured articles are canoes of basswood, cedar and birch bark. Articles of furniture have been made to show the merits of Canadian birch for treatment in high class goods.

There is also an extensive exhibit of pulp and paper in connection with the vast spruce resources of Ontario. We learn from George Johnston, Esq., Dominion Statistician, that in the census of 1871 pulp mills were not mentioned. In 1881 and 1891 the census returns showed the following pulp mills:

Year.	No. Capital.	Invested.	Employees.	Output.
1881—5		\$ 22,000	68	83,000
1891—24		2,900,510	1025	1,057,810

Since 1891 the increase has been still more rapid, and during the last year or two it has been difficult to keep track of the new enterprises be-

gun and saw establishments enlarged. The different kinds of wood suitable for the manufacture of pulp are white and black spruce, balsam, poplar, aspen and pine, spruce and balsam being the most valuable on account of the special quality of their fibre, and also on account of their color. These comparatively soft woods are easily ground. Poplar and aspen have the same quality, but they are faulty on account of knots and black veins which spoil the color of the paper. Pine which, in the earlier stages of the development

of wood-pulp, was used in far the greatest proportion, is now used only in the manufacture of chemical pulp. It gives a good pulp, but the process required to bleach it is somewhat expensive. Besides the wood is too high priced to be used profitably in the manufacture of paper.

With the low rates that have ruled for paper for some years, manufacturers require wood of small value if it can be obtained, without sacrifice of length of fibre.

When the chemist hit upon spruce and balsam and found them suitable in every respect for the production of the ideal cheap paper, and commercial men realized that these woods were comparatively cheap, quick of growth and well located for the needs of commerce—the world knew at length, after all the centuries of seeking, that the right paper, meeting all the requirements, had been invented.

It was only necessary to find the land which had the best spruce and the best facilities for the production of the most profitable pulp, which at the same time filled the requirements of paper users.

The land of the spruce tree as of the pine is Canada. In accordance with a great law of the vegetable kingdom that plants and trees attain their highest excellence along the northern limit of their growth, the spruce of Canada was, naturally enough, believed to be the best. Experiments proved the belief to be sound.

The United States of North America have large spruce forests and a very large demand for wood pulp. The United States paper manufacturers have found it profitable to come to Canada for the wood and in 1899 imported from Canada nearly \$1,500,000 worth of wood pulp and pulp wood. In competition with the Scandinavian stores of woods Canada in 1899 sent to Great Britain \$700,000 worth of pulp wood and wood pulp.

Mr. John Macfarlane of Canada Paper Co., reports as the result of his observations in England and Europe recently, that Great Britain and the continent form a market that will stand at least half a million tons of Canadian pulp per annum.

In the Archaeological Building the Ontario collection has a prominent place. Indeed, in the archaeological art gallery a canvas 5x4 feet by J. W. L. Forster of Toronto, judging from the interest taken already in this painting, it will no doubt attract a good deal of attention later, when properly hung and lighted. It is called "Hiawatha's Vision."

The great Indian Messiah is represented standing on the shore of a lake from which the mists of morning are lifting. Above him towers a great pine-crowned bluff. His hands are extended in welcome towards the black-robe who comes in a canoe through the mists of morning. On the horizon in the brilliant sunrise is seen the dim shadow of a city. Civilization coming the wake of Christianity. The artist received his inspiration from Longfellow's poem:

"O'er the water, floating, flying,
Something in the hazy distance,
Something in the mists of morning,
Formed and lifted from the water,
Now seemed floating, now seemed flying,
Coming nearer, nearer, nearer.

From the distant land of Wabun,
From the farthest realms of morning,
Come the Black Robe Chief, the Prophet,
He, the Priest of Prayer, the pale face,
With his guides and his companions,
And the noble Hiawatha,
With his hands aloft, extended,
Held aloft in sign of welcome,
Wailed full of exultation,
Till the birch canoe with paddles
Grated on the shining pebbles.

On the whole the Canadians may be congratulated on their exhibits at the Pan-American Exhibition. They are representative, well displayed and artistically grouped.

The mineral exhibit especially is very effective, and conveys distinctly the impression of the vast natural resources of the Dominion.

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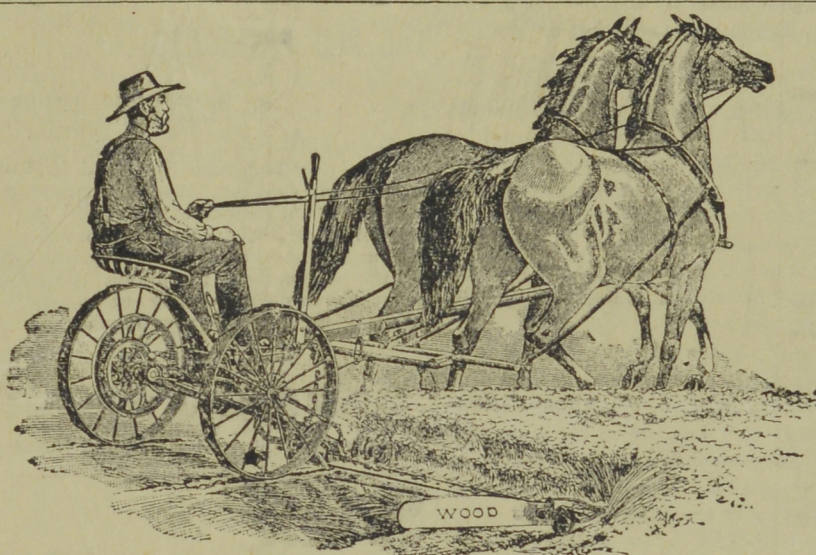
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