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To the HONOURABLE JOHN CARLING, M.P., P.C.
Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,

In preparing, under your instructions, a hand-book of Canada, for the purposes of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, 1886, I have sought to keep in mind that the Exhibition is intended to be a family display, in which each participant, while presenting its own characteristics, remembers that it has also a place in the great British Empire; no comparisons have therefore been made between Canada and other portions of Her Majesty's Dominions.

The limited space at my command must be my excuse for any want of fulness in detail which may impress the reader.

At best, all that can be expected is a collection of facts illustrative of the progress Canada has made and suggestive of her importance as one member of the Empire to which she is proud to belong.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE JOHNSON.

OTTAWA, April, 1886.



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INTRODUCTION.

Canada presents herself in the great metropolis of the Empire in friendly rivalry with her sisters, who, with her and the Mother Isles, form that Greater Britain which Professor Seely has aptly described as "a World-Venice, with the sea for streets."

She aims at showing that her progress in arts, manufactures, commerce, wealth, education, government and general development is such as is rightly anticipated from every community sprung from the loins of Great Britain or influenced directly by the spirit of British enterprise.

In the Exhibition at South Kensington will be found those evidences of material advancement and prosperity which appeal to the eye.

The hand-book is intended to supplement the information given by the exhibits themselves.

The facts and figures gathered have been carefully revised and no pains have been spared to bring them down to the latest date and to make them as accurate as possible.

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