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BELGIAN MINISTER TO SEE EXHIBITION

Baron Silvercruys Will Welcome Homeland Trade Delegation

Baron Silvercruys, Belgian minister to Canada, arrived here yesterday afternoon to attend the ceremonies in connection with the first Belgo-Canadian week. He is extending the usual length of his visits to Montreal to welcome the Belgian trade mission which arrives on Saturday, and to be present at the opening of the exhibition of Belgian art on Tuesday.

The minister spent part of yesterday afternoon in Henry Morgan & Co.'s store examining many of the pieces now being arranged for the opening ceremonies, which will be performed by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada. The exhibition has been arranged by the Association Belgique-Canada with the patronage of the Belgian Government.

MODERN ART

It consists largely of examples of modern Belgian art, the 130 paintings including canvases by Victor Gilsoul, Herman Coutens, Georges Frederic, Armand Jamar, and other distinguished artists. Modern furniture, sculpture, pottery and crystals will also be shown. There are two 17th century Brussels tapestries, valued at about \$2,000 each. Colonial art is represented by native crafts from the Belgian Congo.

A large section is devoted to religious art and church ornaments, including statutory and stained glass. Books exemplify fine bindings, and school text books are also shown. There is also a small commercial exhibit of cutlery, tableware, tiles, and lace. A small collection of renaissance furniture has been brought over to show Belgian craftsmanship of former days.

COAT OF ARMS

The city of Antwerp is sending its coat of arms, set with precious stones and valued at \$5,000, to be placed on exhibition on opening day. Many maps, photographs and graphic representations of Belgian-Canadian trade figures will adorn the walls.

Workmen were busy yesterday afternoon preparing the exhibits, and the Belgian Minister and his party stepped under ladders and scaffolds, peering down at paintings on the floor level. The exhibition is to be held on the fifth floor of the store.
