

PORTO RICO'S DISPLAY AT EXPOSITION

COMMISSIONERS FROM THE LITTLE WEST INDIAN ISLAND IN BUFFALO LOOKING AFTER INSTALLMENT OF EXHIBIT.

WILL OCCUPY A
SPECIAL BUILDING.

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Great Pride Will Be Taken in the Exhibits of Schools, as They Show the Progress Which Has Been Made.

Dr. J. Gomez Brioso and Maj. George W. Fishback, Pan-American Commissioners from Porto Rico, arrived in Buffalo this morning to take charge of the little island's exhibits. They made an early start for the grounds, where they expect to spend a busy day, leaving tonight for New York to meet the transport McClellan, which is due there tomorrow with Porto Rico's contributions to the Exposition.

Dr. Brioso is a well-known and influential merchant of Porto Rico, who has served with distinction on the Executive Council of the island. Maj. Fishback was appointed by Director-General Buchanan disbursing member of the Porto Rican commission. He has an extensive acquaintance with Latin-American countries, and will be remembered as the promoter of a visit made by representative American merchants to the Argentine. In company with Dr. Brioso he has canvassed Porto Rico thoroughly for unique and characteristic exhibits. The result is that Porto Rico's display will be unusually fine. It will include tropical fruits and fine woods in abundance. The exhibits of the schools will be shown with special pride as they illustrate better than anything else can the progress made in the island under American rule.

The Government of Porto Rico appropriated \$10,000 for the Exposition. A building 43x78 feet and twenty feet high, built after the Porto Rican rancho style has been erected at a cost of \$2,000.

Dr. Brioso's presence in Buffalo has special interest because he is the first official representative of Porto Rico to be sent here since the island has been under its present government. He is a very intelligent and wide-awake man, and as he speaks English, he will get a great deal out of his visit. He and Maj. Fishback were in Washington yesterday and called on President McKinley. Dr. Brioso expressed himself as well pleased with the interview. He predicts that the relations of the United States and Porto Rico will continue amicable and mutually helpful, and thinks that the Pan-American Exposition is calculated to further that end.

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