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Camera Competition.

Last year the "Farmer's Advocate" conducted a camera competition which proved decidedly popular. The large number of amateur photographers who sent in samples of their work and the artistic excellence of the photographs indicated in a surprising degree the progress that has been made in that direction. Many of the photos were quite equal in artistic excellence and execution to the work of professionals, the subjects selected showing great variety and interest. So encouraging were the results, that we have decided to announce another competition open to amateurs, and to offer much larger prizes than we did in the competition of 1901. We now offer eight prizes, as follows: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$3; 5th, \$2; 6th, \$1; 7th, \$1; and 8th, \$1, for the best photographs of country homes, individual animals or groups, ranch, field or garden scenes, bits of scenery, tree plantations or individual trees grown under cultivation, or anything of that nature, subject to the subjoined rules:

All photographs must be not less than 4 x 5 inches in size, mounted or unmounted, and be the work of amateurs.

All photographs must be clear and distinct in detail and well finished.

They must reach the "Farmer's Advocate" office, Winnipeg, Man., not later than October 1st, 1902.

The name of the competing photographer and post-office address, and the name and location of the scene, must be marked on the back of each photo.

Any person competing is at liberty to send more than one photograph if desired, but only one prize will be awarded to the same individual.

All the photographs will become the property of "The Farmer's Advocate" for the purpose of this competition. The right to purchase, at 25 cents per copy, the best according to size, any photograph, will be given as a prize.

No photograph is eligible to competition upon which an engraving has previously been made, and photographs must be the work of amateur photographers.

Brandon Fair.

The Brandon Fair of 1902, held on the last days of July, goes on record as the greatest success yet achieved by this energetic society. In point of numbers and quality of exhibits, as well as in attendance, there has been no previous fair in the Wheat City to equal it. The organization of the work of the directorate is becoming more and more perfect each year, and this year, when a new secretary had to assume the duties of the capable manager, Capt. Clark, who had gone to South Africa with the last contingent, so complete were the arrangements and so ably did Mr. Irwin fill the arduous post of secretary, that everything from the opening of the gates on Tuesday morning till the wind-up on Friday ran like clockwork. Most perfect weather prevailed throughout the week, and the only inconvenience that the public were put to was the inadequacy of the hotel accommodation. The numerous excursions run in over the various lines of railway centering in Brandon were well patronized. Perhaps the majority of the visitors were farmers, as sturdy, well-dressed, good-natured a crowd as could be found anywhere.

The Brandon fair grounds are large, and every effort is being made to beautify them by bordering the driveways with trees and shrubs, and with the aid of such experts in this work as Superintendent Bedford, of the Experimental Farm, and H. L. Patuore, of the Brandon nurseries, on the directorate, most commendable progress is being made.

The platform attractions and racing programmes were of a nature to entertain and amuse the large crowds that are always more interested in these features than in the more purely educational features. The grand stand proved quite inadequate for the crowd that wanted to patronize it, while the din of the shrieking fakers proved that if this nuisance must be tolerated for the sake of revenue, the "Midway" should be removed further from the grand stand. It was gratifying to see so large a turn-out of threshing outfits and other lines of farm implements. A summer fair does not seem complete without the cheerful buzz of the threshing engine and the rival shrieks of their whistles. The main building was well filled with interesting exhibits, but perhaps the most interesting exhibit was that in the Dominion Government building, where the Experimental Farm made a most elaborate display under charge of the Horticulturist, Harry Brown, and the Dominion Forestry Department also made a capital exhibit of woods, trees, etc., under the management of Thos. Robertson, who is in charge of the forestry plots on the Experimental Farm. In this building, too, the Brandon Binder Twine Co. made a most elaborate exhibit of their goods, from the raw manilla to the finished product. Prof. Wolverton deserves great credit for this display. The provincial weed exhibit, with Inspector O'Malley and Melvin Bartlett in charge, occupied a corner in this building, while the center was filled with a beautiful floral exhibit made by R. Alston, of Winnipeg.

A summary of the various live-stock departments follows, and the prize list will be found elsewhere.

HORSES.

The horse exhibit is always a drawing card. This year's exhibit was a good one, fully upholding the reputation of the Wheat City as a horse center. Mr. John A. Turner, of Balgrogan Stud Farm, Calgary, Alberta, judged the heavy classes, and his decisions were generally approved by the onlookers.

CLYDESDALES.—The stallion class of four years or over brought out three strong individuals, first place being given to J. B. Thompson's Prince Delectable, a noted horse, previously mentioned in connection with the Winnipeg Fair. Dauntless, owned by J. A. S. Macmillan, Brandon, and sired by Pilgrim, a noted Winnipeg winner, followed. He is a splendid horse, of Clyde type, good substance, fine bone and well muscled. Pretoria, owned by S. McLean, Franklin, a horse of deep heavy type, got third. In three-year-olds, Dr. Henderson topped the list with Jerviswood, also winning diploma for best stallion, and as Jerviswood combines size, quality and action to high degree. He also won in his class at Winnipeg, and was described in the report of the fair. Wales Macgregor, winner in Manitoba, and owned by T. Elder, followed. He also took some place at Winnipeg, and has had many worthy points for his superior qualities. The third award was given to Mars' old, Isaac

Betley's entry, a very neat and evenly-balanced horse, with grand neck, good parts and splendid limbs, also mentioned in report of Winnipeg show. In two-year-olds, T. Elder's Macgregor of the Glen, winner of first at Winnipeg, and described through that, took first. In the yearling class there were four entries, headed by J. Beatty's highly-fitted colt, of splendid action and good parts. Pilgrim's Pride, owned by Wm. Postlethwaite, a colt with splendid bone and pasterns, also holding same standing in Winnipeg, followed. H. Nichol's entry, a very good animal, took third.

Brood Mares.—In this class there were five entries. T. Elder secured first money with Nancy Macgregor, and a well-put-together, good-sized mare of J. A. S. Macmillan's came second; Wishart's Lady Granite, a very smooth-bodied animal, but with limbs not quite equal to the others, being third. In the section for foals, first prize went to Wishart's Prince of Prospect, out of Lady Granite and sired by Prince of Edengrove (imp.); second to Chier Macgregor, out of Nancy Macgregor, sired by Border Chief, and third to a colt from Macmillan's second-prize mare. In two-year-olds, Carruth & Brown got first and Wishart second, both winners at Winnipeg. John Clark, of Roseland, came third with a blocky filly of grand Clyde type and good bone, which some might have placed a notch higher. The year-olds were a very strong class, and were headed by Carruth & Brown's Belle, a grand filly, with splendid bone and first-class Clyde character, but a little out of condition. With right handling and fitting she will make a winner in years to come. J. B. Thompson's Lady Roberta, a splendid animal and winner of first at Winnipeg, got second, and T. Elder's Progress, by Pilgrim, a genuine good one, third. In mare and progeny class, Tully Elder's Nancy Macgregor, by Macgregor, by Danley, with Wales Macgregor and Macgregor of the Glen, all three prizewinners, previously described, secured the diploma. The diploma for best mare, any age, was secured from a field of five by J. B. Thompson's Princess Royal. This mare also won the same coveted position at Winnipeg, as well as first in the Manitoba class there.

SHIRES.—Aged Stallions.—Indiana, sired by Blocky Tom, and owned by Wm. Crothers, Virden, won first and sweepstakes. He is a horse of good quality, strong in body, with clean limbs. In the two-year-old filly section, Stott's Branton Georgie won first and sweepstakes. She is of good quality and very smooth. Sir Archibald, a dark chestnut Percheron stallion owned by the Baker Syndicate, was the only animal of that breed shown. He is a blocky, tidy, compact horse of good stamp, but not enough of him to be of much use to the country.

HEAVY DRAFT.—The first call in this class brought out three teams in harness, the red ticket going to J. A. S. Macmillan's splendid geldings, a choice pair, of true Clyde type, with best of action; grand, supple fellows, with plenty of clean bone and bodies worthy of such limbs. Second went to J. B. Thompson's noted winners, described as first in this class at Winnipeg; third to J. Stott's entry, a splendid team, winning second at Winnipeg. This class represented choice quality, being one of the strong classes in the heavy ring. J. Clark's two-year-old gelding, a very useful type of animal, with good limbs, was awarded first in his class, first in one-year-olds going to the same exhibitor, while J. Bonar took second. Mr. J. Bonar's pair of mares took first and second in the mare with foal at foot class. The diploma for mare and progeny was also won by him. In the foal section there were only two entries, the first going to N. Rogers and second to J. Bonar.

AGRICULTURAL CLASS.—In this class, Mr. D. T. Wilson's splendid showing of choice animals captured a large percentage of the prizes, his firsts being for team in harness, brood mare, two-year-old and yearling, with third for foal and diploma for mare and two of her progeny. These animals were also prizewinners at Winnipeg. H. M. Lyons, of Carberry, took second in harness class with a pair of dark bays having fine appearance, good coupling and of the right type, third going to J. A. S. Macmillan's pair, a blocky span, of great substance. P. Elder's entry was unplaced, as being slightly out of class, being more of the general-purpose type. They possessed abundance of life, good quality and splendid action. This class deserves special mention, as possessing abundance of substance and quality. There was only one three-year-old shown, a substantial bay filly owned by H. Nichol. She fully deserved a first, which was given her without hesitation. N. Rodgers, of Forest, took second in mare with foal at foot class. In foals there were three entries, first place being given to Mr. Winteringham's very promising colt of good parts, and second to J. Bonar.

GENERAL PURPOSE.—In the team class, J. Stott's clean-boned, compact span of good movers took first, and the entry from Carroll, owned by J. Turner, a worthy pair of good use.