

THE EXHIBITION

The exhibition was formally opened Monday afternoon by His Honor, Lieut. Gov. McMillan. His Honor arrived in an open carriage, accompanied by Lieut. Gov. Forget, of the N. W. T., Col. Evans, D. O. C., and Capt. Kilham. The carriage was accompanied by a military escort. The Industrial school boys' rifle corps lined up in the grounds and saluted the cortege when passing.

Shortly before two o'clock the guests sat down to enjoy the annual luncheon, drink the usual toasts, and make the customary speeches.

The Speeches.

With regard to the speeches, all dwelt upon the importance of the annual fair held in Winnipeg, and the tenor of the addresses referred to the present and future prosperity of the province and also of the Northwest Territories, and great things were predicted for Manitoba by the many prominent business men present. Mr. F. W. Thompson, president of the association, presided.

The toast of "The King" was the first on the list and was proposed by Mr. F. W. Thompson, the president. In part he said: "I hope to live to see the day when the Canadian Northwest will be exporting more wheat, and more cattle than is now shipped from the shores of America, when Winnipeg will be the metropolis of the Dominion and one of the most important cities on the whole continent. We have lands capable of producing the finest wheat in the world."

Following this Mr. Thompson proposed the toast of the lieutenant-governor.

Lieut.-Gov. McMillan.

"I desire to thank you for the very kind and cordial reception given to the toast which you have just honored. I must thank you also, Mr. President, for your very kind personal remarks. I accepted your invitation to be here this afternoon with a great deal of pleasure because I feel that the annual luncheon of the directors of the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition is now one of the distinctive features of the meeting of your association, and like the exhibition itself has proved to be a very great success year by year. The great agricultural interests of this province as well as the commercial and other business interests I believe are more fully represented at this luncheon, your annual luncheon, than any similar function held in this province during the year. Therefore I think that it is a very high honor to any individual, to any representative body, or any public institution, to be toasted on this occasion. No better evidence of the importance which is attached to the meeting of this association is to be found than in the representative character and number of business men who assemble here each year on the opening day, to partake of your hospitality. I notice leading professional men, public men, representatives of our great railway corporations, men representing great wheat interests, men who have made Canada what it is to-day, men who have come here to show their interest in the province and to do what they can to promote its interests.

It is too late in the day to speak as to the possible failure or possible success of the Winnipeg Exhibition this year. I feel that we would no more think of giving up our Winnipeg Industrial exhibition than we would of allowing our cultivated fields to return to the wild stage we found them in a few years ago. In common with all present I rejoice in the great success attending our exhibition. It is especially gratifying to those, who like myself, have watched this province for over a quarter of a century, for I think we may take the beginning of the progress of this province from the time it became a part of the Dominion of Canada. I remember distinctly

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or provincial exhibition held here. It was not an unqualified success, in fact I think I must admit it was a failure, and was abandoned for some time, but Manitoba people are not the kind who abandon anything in the agricultural line very readily. I can remember hearing it said here that Manitoba would never be a successful wheat growing province because one year we had visits from the grass hoppers and another we had frost, but the man who

would make that statement to-day would be considered a fit person for a lunatic asylum. We have to-day a crop of wheat which cannot be equalled and certainly cannot be surpassed in any part of the globe."

His Honor then went on to make some remarks about the handling of the crop, and regretted that the grain was carried from Port William, Duluth and other Lake ports by American vessels and he said he did not think it right that this should be so. He thought that eastern Canada should enjoy the benefits accruing from Manitoba's crop by handling it themselves, that the products of western Canada should be carried in British vessels to British markets by British labor. He was not making these references entirely from interest in the east, or from patriotic motives, but because he felt that the development of transportation through Canadian channels would eventually cheapen transportation to the Manitoba farmer. His Honor closed his speech in the midst of hearty applause.

Consul Grahame.

Consul Grahame replied to the toast of the "President of the U. S.," and dwelt on the amicable relations existing between Canada and the United States, and said that although a few might try to stir up ill-feeling the people to the south were as a whole very friendly to Canada and desirous of sustaining amicable relationships and he besought his listeners not to pay too much importance to the slight friction produced from trade rivalry.

Railway Representatives.

"Railway Corporations," an important but unusual toast, was ably replied to by Gen. Manager McNicoll, of the Canadian Pacific, and Supt. D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian Northern. Mr. McNicoll in the course of his speech favored the Georgian Bay canal route, and advised farmers to ship early and not hold their grain until near the close of navigation thus enabling them to get their freight properly and promptly handled.

Mr. Hanna in replying referred to Mr. McNicoll's remarks with regard to the arrangements being made by the C. P. R. to handle this year's crop, and said that unfortunately they were well aware of the strenuous efforts being made by the C. P. R. to handle the crop and his company had also made endeavors along this line in the way of increasing their rolling stock by placing orders for cars where the C. P. R. had left a loop-hole.

The Horse Exhibits.

The visitor to the fair, particularly if he is rural bred, turns his foot steps to the live stock exhibition as naturally as does the small boy to the peanut stand. Interested though he may be in the many strange sights, the extravaganzas, the midway and vaudeville of the platform, the country cousin finds more thorough enjoyment and reaps more benefit by a walk through the byes and stalls.

The judges commenced making their awards Monday and they had a difficult time of it, so good was the quality of the animals shown. John A. Turner, of Bayregegan stock farm, Calgary, made a good record. He won the red ticket and the sweepstakes with a very handsome mare, Princess Patricia, and her foal also won first prize. In fact, all the registered classes of Clydesdales were sold by Mr. Turner to the exhibitors. Montague Stuart, of Winnipeg, exhibited a very handsome stallion in this class. It was bred by Wm. Fleury, Scotland, and is a dark brown John Wishart, Portage la Prairie, showed "Prince of Edgemoor," J. A. S. Macmillan, Brandon, "St. Christopher," Donald Ross, Cypress River, "Prince Charles," J. J. Darling, Treherne, "Chapelin Prince." One of the finest looking steeds was "The General," exhibited by Jacob Shunk, Carman. It carried off the coveted honor.

"Prince Stanley," owned by A. and G. Mutch, Lumsden; "Prince Bonnybridge," J. A. S. Macmillan, Rosemount; W. Swenerton, Carberry, were the entries in the three year old stallion class, while John A. Turner, J. B. Thomson, Hamiota, and J. A. S. Macmillan were the exhibitors of two year olds.

Hon. Thos. Greenway exhibited "Golden Rule," a handsome yearling, while there were other entries in the same class by J. A. S. Macmillan, W.

"Lady Almondale," a fine looking brood mare, carried off the honors in her class, with two of her progeny.

There was a large number of three-year-old, two-year-old and yearling fillies entered. A. F. and A. G. Mutch, of Lumsden, were the largest exhibitors.

Mr. J. F. Wilson, of Russell county, had several fine draft horses on display. Two mares, "Daisy," and "Pride," have just been brought from Brandon, where they carried off all the prizes in their classes. "Daisy" has been shown at the Winnipeg Industrial with her mother, "Gentle," and neither has yet failed to get a red ticket. Edward A. August, of Bates, exhibits several animals of good appearance in this class, as did also John Bower, of Forrest, and John Stott, of Brandon.

The standard-bred horses were a handsome looking lot. One of the animals of best appearance and longest pedigree was "Bryson," exhibited by W. L. Donagh, of this city. McLaren Bros. showed "Sif-on" and "Dutton McCarthy," J. M. Benson had "Sharper," and Wm. Armstrong "Touchet."

The roadsters formed a class which gave the judges a good deal of trouble, as the animals shown were of a high grade. Among the leading exhibitors were R. I. M. Power, Carberry, John Wishart, Portage la Prairie, and J. H. Tait, Winnipeg.

The carriage horses were not very numerous, but they were particularly attractive. Matched geldings shown by C. W. Bailey, of High Bluff, and another pair by W. Stickle, of Carberry, were beauties.

R. I. M. Power, of Carberry, had several entries in the thoroughbred class. A handsome animal was "Dermod," shown by Frank J. Thompson, of MacGregor. A mare and foal exhibited by J. A. Mitchell, Winnipeg, carried off the honors in their respective classes.

A very handsome saddle horse was shown by F. Howard Hone, of Minnedosa. He was admired by all horsemen.

The ponies formed a class on which a great deal of attention was devoted. Geo. A. Delbridge, of Rat Portage, exhibited Sis and Luce, milk-white thoroughbreds. C. W. Speers, of Griswold, is showing a handsome pony which he recently brought from Ottawa, where he got it from Hon. Clifford Sifton in an exchange.

Cattle.

The cattle exhibit this year is superior to that of previous fairs. Ex-Premier Greenway has the largest display. His three-year-old bull Jubilee has been greatly admired, while the herd of cows could not be surpassed. W. S. Lacey, Middlechurch, is another large exhibitor, while C. C. Castle of this city has on view several fine animals.

The Polled Angus are a class which previous to this year has never been largely represented but the breeders have evidently taken kindly to the them, as the exhibit has overrun the accommodation. One of the largest exhibitors is John Traquair, of Welwyn, Assa. He shows a very fine bull, "Hiper of Nemo," three four year-old cows, two three year-olds one heifer and two heifer calves. Hon. Mr. Clifford, of Austin, has a choice selection. His one-year-old bull "Reformer" is a model animal while there are several cows which look like winners in their classes. C. W. Speers, of Griswold, F. J. Collyer, Assa, and A. Cumming, of Lone Tree, Man., are also exhibiting.

J. E. Marples, Deleau, and J. A. Chapman, of Beresford are the largest exhibitors of Herefords. While John Wallace, of Cartwright, has also several fine animals.

Scotchmen generally go to see the Galloways, and a brow looking class they are. D. McCrae, of Guelph, Ont. and Wm. Martin, this city are the largest exhibitors. "Cedric IV," a three-year-old bull owned by D. McCrae, is a very fine animal. He was recently imported from Scotland where he was an undisputed champion. "Mackenzie" a two-year-old owned by Mr. Martin, won first prize at the Highland agricultural show held in Scotland last year.

Jas. Glennie and son Longburn, carry off honors for Holsteins. They have by far the largest display. A. E. Potter, Montgomery, and John Oughton, Middlechurch, have also several fine animals.

There are not many Jerseys shown this year, and W. V. Edwards, of Souris, has almost the entire field to himself. Mr. Edwards has a splendid herd on exhibition in the sheep building. J. P. McKibbin, Cartwright has a

cow and heifer of the same breed.

Ex-Premier Greenway carried off the honors in the Ayrshire class with a splendid herd. Fat cattle and grades are not very largely represented. In the former class Benallack & Lafranc, Winnipeg, carry off the honors.

Sheep.

The sheep entries are fully up to the average. In Cotswolds M. Oughton, of Middlechurch, had the field to himself. Duncan Sinclair, of Oakville, and Alex D. Gamley, Brandon, are the largest exhibitors of Leicesters. W. T. Lytle, Beaconsfield, is the only exhibitor of Lincolns. Hon. Thomas Greenway devotes his attention to Shropshires and has a fine display. In Oxford Downs J. B. Jickling, Carman, Alex. Wood, Souris, have good displays, while Wm. Smith, of Scotland, Ont., carries off everything for South Downs.

Swine.

Judges in this class had an interesting time making their decisions. Among the Berkshire exhibitors are ex-Premier Greenway, J. A. McGill, Neepawa, Jas. M. Evans, Minnedosa. Improved Yorkshires have exhibits by S. J. Thompson, St. James; Andrew Graham, Pomeroy, Hon. Thos. Greenway, and others, while L. A. Bradley, Portage la Prairie; W. E. Baldwin, Manitou, and W. M. Smith, Carman, have many Tamworths. W. H. Smith, Scotland, Ont., and W. L. Traun are the largest exhibitors of Poland Chinas.

Poultry Exhibit.

A very large list of poultry had to be gone through by the judges. The exhibit surpasses that of any previous year, but it is to be regretted that the entries in the Banded Plymouth Rock class were so small. This variety has been found by the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, after tests of the various breeds covering a number of years, to be the best general purpose fowl for Canada. There is plenty of meat and it is good at that. Added to this the Banded Plymouth Rock pullet, and one year old hens, cannot be surpassed for laying qualities. What prevents many a farmer sending in exhibits of this variety is the cut or oil of an "Ideal" Banded Plymouth Rock. There are very few "Ideal" banded Plymouth Rocks if the average cut or oil is to be taken as a sample, and many a farmer who has banded Plymouth Rocks might have been in the running for a prize, and many might have obtained a "highly commended" ticket if they had only sent in a few birds.

In the Main Building.

The Manitoba Union Mining Co's exhibit of cement and concrete in the implement shed is unique inasmuch as that three walls have been built out of their material and the fact that this is a new industry in Manitoba.

Entering the Main building to the right an exhibit by J. Y. Griffin and Co. will be observed, consisting of Manitoba produce entirely. Some very fine hams and sides of bacon are to be seen, as well as the best lard, Manitoba pure lard.

E. H. Briggs a local manufacturer of brooms and whisks, has an exhibit immediately adjoining.

Campbell Manufacturing Co. of Fort Erie, have a large assortment of axle grease, harness soap and similar articles which they manufacture.

C. J. McNeerney, Winnipeg, has an exhibit of horse shoes in a glass frame. Adjoining his exhibit is a booth occupied by a Belgian lady who is very skillful in embroidering handkerchiefs, working names, and at other similar work.

Alonzo W. Spooner, of Port Hope, is showing disinfectants and antiseptics of which he is the manufacturer.

The Lion Chocolate Co. of Winnipeg, have a fine display of chocolate, icing, and cocoa of local manufacture.

Immediately adjoining may be seen the McCrossan washers.

An Acetylene generator and plant is exhibited by the Northwest Acetylene Gas Co.

The Breadner Manufacturing Co. of Ottawa have a display of jewelry and Agate goods.

Robt. Ralston and Co., Hamilton, are showing blacking and other polishes.

The Hudson's Bay company have a very fine exhibit, a room being fitted up with all the furniture necessary to create a modern dining room. The table is laid ready for the guests, wine is contained in glasses of the very finest quality, and the various plates and dishes are distributed with great taste as regards the combination of colors. On the walnut side-table stands the latest improved Berliner Gramophone, which can be clearly heard while in