

Alberta Provincial Exhibition.

The Edmonton Annual Exhibition was held on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and was quite a success. The weather was all that could be desired on all four days. Monday being a holiday there was a large attendance and it was still larger the second and third days. From the recreation standpoint the management fully satisfied the public and financially it should come up to the expectations of directors. Over 25,000 of a paid attendance gives an idea of the growth of the fair which is treble of what it was three or four years ago.

It is perhaps impossible to have a summer fair fully come up to the wishes or expectations of those who set store by the industrial function and intent of an exhibition and as city patronage grows larger relative to rural patronage there is an increasing demand and influence in the direction of sporting and amusement features, and Edmonton is getting to be a large place. Notwithstanding that liberal prizes were offered in the live stock classes the competition was not so keen as it should have been and the interest of the public in the ring exhibits was rather limited and meagre. There is need of a manager for the Edmonton fair and he should be one possessed of the idea of upholding the agricultural and industrial interests. The sports might be delegated to a committee, but a larger interest should be secured to the judging rings as against the tracks. The judging rings are small, especially the one for the light horses, which makes it impossible to string a pacing or road horse without throwing him off his legs. A good set of judges placed the awards, but the demonstrative feature was almost entirely absent, which must be put down against the management. The stock parade which was held on the afternoon of the last day should have been available to visitors each day or evening instead of being made a closing feature. The stabling for stock is inadequate. The management wisely cut out the games of chance that in former years have beguiled raw visitors and promptly closed down an incipient appeal to the public taste for a real bad show.

The display in the halls was good. Dairy products were excellent, domestic manufactures fair and ladies' work above the average for excellence and volume. School exhibits were interesting and included kindergarten work, drawing and writing, and a fine class of color sketches by pupils of the Edmonton Public schools. There were interesting collections of natural history materials. Grain entries were large in number considering that it was last year's stuff that was shown. The grasses, foders and garden stuff were excellent. An interesting product now being manufactured in Alberta was a nice sample of macaroni made at Wetaskiwin.

LIVE STOCK.

HORSES.

The awards in the heavy classes of horses were made by George Gray of Newcastle and it was considerable work especially in the general purpose and agricultural classes. The registered draft aged stallion class brought out four animals, three Clydes and a Shire. First award went to a brown Clyde of nice quality from Stony Plain, a McGregor horse. He afterwards won out in championship over all breeds. He was run closely by a black Shire from the same district, something of a chunk, but of good quality and appearance. E. K. Strathy of Lacombe had a light bay four-year-old, a fine fronted animal but not so thick in the middle or so close to the ground as he might be. The fourth place went to Banking and Crawford of Strathcona. No other stallions were entered in registered Clyde or Shire. In the female sections, D. Thorburn of Davisburg had it all his own way. He met competition in the team and dry mare sections, and got away with it. In the other sections he was not opposed. Two Percheron two-year-olds were shown, one of which belonging to H. Alvin, Star, was an excellent colt. Jacques Bros., of Lammerton, had out one aged and four two-year-old Suffolk stallions. The old horse was a good type of the breed and an excellent animal; the colts do not give quite the same promise, but have time ahead of them.

The unregistered draft class thickened up considerably in numbers. Tom McMillan of Lineham and J. G. Ruddy of Edmonton had good teams in. J. Cresswell had a splendid three-year-old filly. Dave Thorburn picked off a share of the awards in first place three times.

The agricultural class was still better filled. Gibson and Hutton both had good teams and the younger classes were well filled. The general purpose class was quite large and the class of stuff was good in many cases, but showed considerable variety in type.

Though most of the young stuff was not in great fit or well brought out, there is a lot of useful horseflesh coming on in the country. The summer fair is not so favorable even to horse stock as the fall fair, as a lot of the young horses are not yet filled with grass.

Mr. S. B. Fuller of Woodstock judged the light-horse classes. He expressed pleasure at seeing so many good clean horses in the light classes, but commented especially on the number of really fine drivers in the city that did not appear at the fair.

The Standardbred stallion class brought out two horses of high merit, Pickering's Red Greenlander and Lyons' Sidney B. Both have marks, about twenty, and both are strong, clean animals. Pickering's horse is younger, which operated in his favor. Some nice drivers were out. Taylor and Spinks had a good single in the under 15½ class and he beat a good one of Abbot's.

In Hackneys there were only two entries. Strathy of Lacombe had Woodman, whose cut appeared in our July 3rd number, a strong showy four-year-old chestnut with white blaze and four white stockings, a rather superior sort of horse. He has size, right conformation, good bone and plenty and is a fairly good gaited horse, not high, but a square mover. P. G. Connell had a three-year-old of showier movement but lighter in weight and not so strong in character, but both were good to look at and made the ring attractive. Strathy's horse afterwards was champion of light breeds, but the championship over all fell to the Clyde Godolphin, from Stony Plain.

The saddle classes were not of the quality they might have been. The pony competition was quite keen and some good little riders were up, both boys and girls.

In registered Thoroughbreds J. J. Jordan had a real good stallion. Charlie Bremner of Clover Bar has a late importation in the shape of a fine Thoroughbred mare. She has a nine-days-old colt that the wise ones can see coming and the pair were much admired.

CATTLE.

The cattle exhibit was about on a par with previous years. It was not so strong in Shorthorns, but stronger in Herefords, the dairy breeds and in beef cattle. The principal exhibitors of Shorthorns were A. F. McGill, Lacombe, J. Ramsay, Priddis; J. H. Millick, Edmonton. Individual exhibitors were Ford, Turner and Gabel.

McGill's Crimson General held his old place in the Shorthorn classes. He is now at three years as even and smooth as ever and is a little better filled on the quarter. Though he weighs 2,150 he is quite good on his pins; he does not give one the impression of being as sturdy of bone as his weight would warrant. As an individual he is all right. His youngsters are not following up very strong and the prize for bull and two of his get went right to Ramsay, whose Remus is doing excellent work in the herd. Mellick has a good yearling standing up a bit, but with nice even shape, good bone and good dinner basket. Ramsay has a good one coming on under twelve months. John Turner had a nice thick two-year-old of good quality. He is a fine handler. In females Ramsay had it all his own way. There was some disappointment that the Lacombe fellows were not out stronger. Good prizes were offered and the Aberdeen of Alberta should have been in stronger.

Herefords are getting quite numerous, though competition was not keen. Jas. Tough of Edmonton had out fifteen or sixteen, all good ones. Palmer of Lacombe was up with two or three bulls and T. Weeks of Belmont had a couple. The strife in the aged bull class was quite tense. Tough's old bull Goldstone is a year by year winner. He is a strong fronted bull of good Hereford character, thick-fleshed and heavy boned almost to coarseness. He does not move off so fast as he should now. Palmer had a nice smooth bull, active and moderately boned, has a back end worthy of a Shorthorn in shape, though not long, but yields a little behind the shoulder and the judge could not get away from this. Tough had him on color also. The guessing at the ring side was mixed for a while. Tough won out. Weeks had a good toppler three in the class that a cowman need not be ashamed to own.

In the twos Palmer beat Tough with a nice even beast and Tough had it all to himself for the rest of the way. His female stuff is even superior to his bulls. His cow Blackstone Maid was the smoothest thing at the fair in the cow line. She is a real aristocrat and he has a good bunch coming on.

J. E. Elliott of Strathcona had a herd of five Red Polled cattle which are the first of the kind to come to the neighborhood. They look like useful dairy cattle.

W. B. Cameron had his Jerseys out in force. They are a characteristic lot and were much admired. He has some attractive females. His herd was the largest and he carried the herd prize, but he had competition from H. Doherty of Edmonton, who led for herd leader and from Stevens of Clover Bar and Ross and Watson of Strathcona and Edmonton respectively.

W. H. Mullins of Ponoka was in with his Holsteins. He had the field all to himself, but his exhibit was creditable.

Dairy grades and beef grades were a good class of cattle and competition was strong. The improvement of beef stuff as to both type and condition was a noticeable feature and was freely commented upon.

SWINE.

Swine interests are improving decidedly. Last year there was considerable of the thick fat in evidence, but this year there seems to be abroad a good appreciation of the bacon type. Morkin had some good modern Berks as usual and plenty of competition. He won in brood sow, but Couch of Edmonton carried sweepstakes. P. Hecks of Clover Bar was the largest exhibitor. J. Tough of Edmonton, and Baker and Vereton of Ft. Saskatchewan, had the pork class.

Tamworths made the best exhibit of all. Rye of Edmonton, Quebec of Clover Bar and Seaman of Strathcona were in the mix. Quebec won first in aged boar and Rye on sow, but Seaman and Tough took the prizes for five bacon hogs.

SHEEP.

Oxford Downs were shown by Wilkinson of Clover. Villeneuve of Fort Saskatchewan had a couple of good Cotswold rams and there were few grades. Too much cannot be left unsaid of the sheep exhibit. Two large exhibitors of Oxford and Shrops last year were not in this year.

POULTRY.

The exhibit in poultry was of good quality, but was not large. There were no chicks. D. W. M.

MARKETS

The wheat market holds firm. There is a pronounced bull impression behind all transactions. The whole situation seems to indicate that wheat will not be cheaper for a year or two and dealers feel confident of profits to be made. It is a most strange circumstance that the crop prospects should be so dark in both Europe and America as they are this season. The southern continents of South America and Australia are now looked to to support the bulk of the surplus required in Britain and Europe.

The weather in Europe has not been very favorable for the growing crops and in the American winter wheat belt rains have hindered threshing and harvest.

A good export demand has sprung up for Canadian wheat and considerable of it is being worked. American markets have also gained considerable strength during the past week and there is daily expectancy that France will soon be requiring foreign wheat. At the end of last week Thompson, Sons & Co. said of the Winnipeg market:

"Manitoba wheat is firm. A large demand for export has developed and the situation in our Winnipeg market is healthy and encouraging. During this month stocks at Fort William and Port Arthur will show a large reduction."

Prices are: 1 Hard 93½c, 1 Nor. 92½c, 2 Nor. 89½c, 3 Nor. 86½c, spot or en route, and futures July 92½c, August 93½c, September 94½c. All prices are for in store Fort William and Port Arthur.

PRODUCE AND COARSE GRAINS.

Oats	40½	40½
Barley	54	54
Flax	33	33
MILLFEED, net per ton—		
Bran	17 50	
Shorts	18 50	@ 19 00
CHOPPED FEEDS—		
Barley and oats	24 00	
Barley	22 00	
Oats	27 00	
HAY, per ton (cars on track, W'peg) ..	14 00	@ 15 00
Loose loads	14 00	@ 15 00
Wool, unwashed, at Winnipeg 10 c. to 13 c. per lb.		

BUTTER—

Creamery, fancy, fresh made		
bricks	22	@ 23
Boxes, 56 lbs.	20	
Boxes, 28 and 14 lbs.	20½	
Dairy, extra fancy	20	
Prints, fancy, in small lots	20	@ 21
Dairy, in tubs	16	@ 18
CHEESE, Manitoba new at W'peg ..	12	@ 12½
EGGS—Manitoba fresh gathered,		
f. o. b. Winnipeg	17½	@ 13
POULTRY (Cold storage stock)—		
Spring chickens	17	@ 13
Spring ducks	16	
Fowl	13	
Young turkeys	19	
Geese	15	

LIVE STOCK.

The live stock trade is quiet, the supplies of cattle and hogs being nearly equal to the demand. Some good winter fed cattle have been coming in, but they have not been looking so well as might be expected so late in the summer, as they have had practically no more than a month on the grass.

Quotations in the Winnipeg market are: Best quality steers \$6 per cwt; good butchers \$5.75 to \$5.95; lower grades lighter \$5 to \$5.50. Common heifers \$5 to \$5.25. Cows \$3.75 to \$4. Bulls \$2.75 to \$3.50. Hogs, good bacon types, \$7.50; heavy and fat, \$7.10 to \$7.15; roughs \$6.50.