

clear too, that to have such co-operation he must have a practical and wisely administered weed law. Further, in general the application of weed laws in any district will depend very largely on the desires and sentiments of the farmers themselves. If any community of people want to govern themselves badly, they are usually given, within certain limits, the privilege of so doing.

Arcola's Seed Fair.

The Arcola Agricultural Society held its first annual seed fair on Saturday, Dec. 15th, in the new Town Hall. The fair was a success. Fully one hundred farmers attended in spite of the storm and took an active part in the discussions led by Harris McFayden, representative in Saskatchewan of the Seed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and by S. A. Bedford, late of the Brandon Experimental Farm. Over sixty dollars were awarded in prizes, for which the competition was keen. On the class for red wheat there were ten entries, all of which were of good quality and remarkably free from noxious weed seeds. One was, however, thrown out on account of wild oats. The weights were good; all were well over the standard. First place was won by W. H. Bryce whose wheat weighed sixty-four pounds to the bushel. Mr. Bryce has 2000 bushels of equally good seed for sale. Second was obtained by Harry McNeil and third by A. M. Hislop.

The white wheats were represented by only one entry which, however, was a good one and well worthy the first prize that was awarded it. It was of a good color, plump, uniform and a credit to Frank Reed who grew and exhibited it. The seed was originally obtained from the Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

There was only one exhibit of Brome grass and two of barley. One of the latter was thrown out on account of wild oats but the other was pronounced by Harris McFayden to be one of the best that he had seen this year at any of the seed fairs. Mr. C. Bennet who grew it is to be congratulated.

In the oats there were seven entries, four of which were thrown out on account of wild oats. The others were good, being even, large and weighing well. Jos. Atayler obtained first; S. O. Hislop second, and W. H. Ellis third.

For a society that has been in existence only a few weeks, Arcola has achieved much. The success that attended their first fair is an excellent criterion of what yet may be accomplished.

Is not Satisfied with the Tariff Revision.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

As you are soliciting opinions regarding the revised tariff, from the standpoint of the farmer, I submit herewith my impressions, regarding it, as briefly as possible. As far as I can see, I do not think the reduction on agricultural implements will benefit the farmer to any appreciable extent. What the country needs, in my opinion, is absolute free trade in all kinds of farm tools and implements, also in groceries, especially on such articles as sugar, which conscience knows, has been dear enough without the government adding to the cost by increasing the duties. I believe the West is being made the prey of all kinds of graft, and I firmly believe this tariff humbug is about the worst of all. And I also believe that free trade in the lines I have mentioned would be a powerful regulator of railway rates, inasmuch, as the Eastern manufacturers, in order to hold their trade, would, no doubt, use some of their eloquence in an endeavor to get the transportation companies to lower their rates. There is not a doubt but this country is being immensely retarded by the protective tariff of the present government. We are being heavily taxed to help make a few millionaires in the Eastern Provinces. Free trade in agricultural implements, groceries, lumber (of all kinds), and all kinds of fencing material would, I believe, tend to advance the development of the West more in five years, than would ten years of the present tariff. The changes in the tariff are insignificant and of no

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G. H. Clark.

BROADVIEW—
G. H. Clark.

VEGREVILLE—
W. C. McKillican.

RED DEER—
W. C. McKillican.

MEDICINE HAT—

W. H. Fairfield

LETHBRIDGE—
Thos. H. Woolford.

MAGRATH—
Woolford.

RAYMOND—
Woolford.

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Woolford.

RAYMOND—Woolford.

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Rockham & Smith
Arthur Bibby
E. Early
W. Woolley
Gerald de Lisle
W. Randal
C. Moulding
R. N. D. Finlayson
Frank Baker
C. R. Boulton
F. J. Cunningham
Joseph Stonehocker
Wm. Wagner
J. W. W. Fane
T. Tierney
H. Meredith
H. Trouhill
Jno. J. Richards
Chas. W. Leach
E. F. Vincent
S. D. McConnell
C. A. J. Sharman
Geo. Bryan
Jno. Evans
J. Fleming

Jno. Mackintosh
S. DeRenzy
J. Homer

W. H. Pawson
Ira Chipman
O. Ellington
H. Holmes
J. B. Ririe
O. Hall
H. Cooper
Mark Y. Cannon
J. F. Cook
J. H. Rivers, M. D.
H. C. Christensen
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Collett & Martin
A. H. Williams

H. Payne
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T. Littleford
Simon Yearmstead
A. E. Keffer
E. Burnett
W. H. Pawson
H. McClure
Geo. Hacking
Edward Hodges
C. Jensen
J. B. Ririe
Sugar Company

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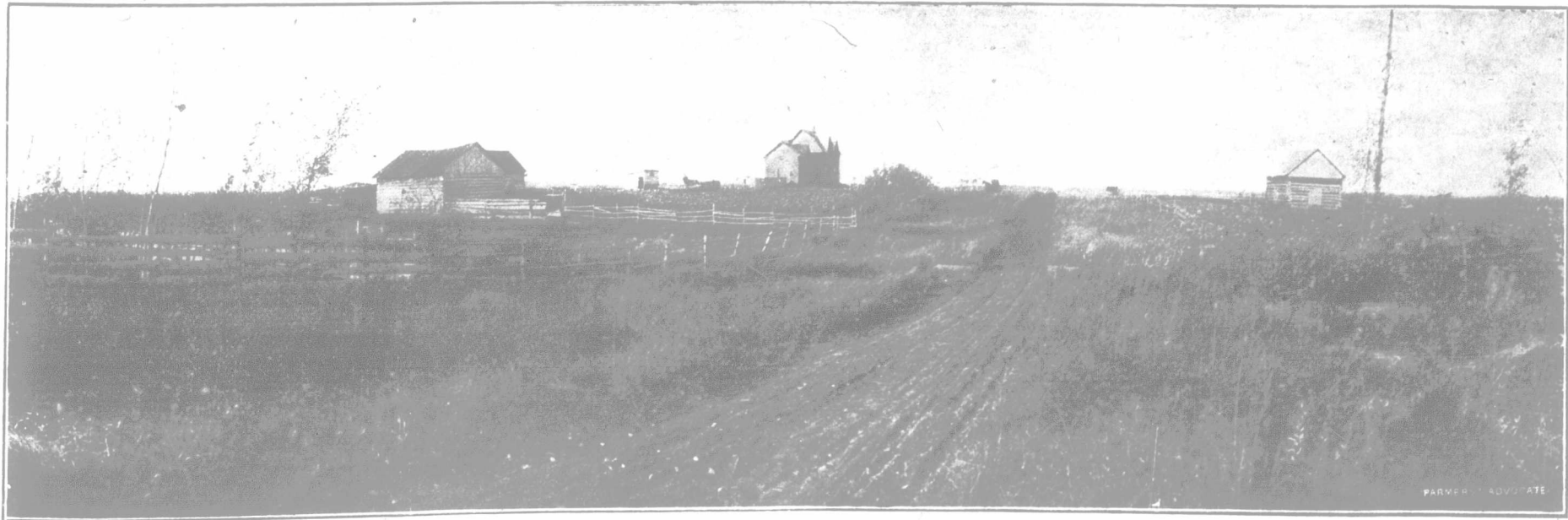
Arrow River Visited.

The Farmers' Institute at Arrow River, Man., has sustained a severe loss in the deaths of two of its most esteemed late members, namely, Mr. J. T. Lynch, president, and Mr. Thos. Stevenson, director. The condolence of the organization was conveyed to the respective families of the deceased by resolution from Mr. John Fleming, Jr. and Wm. Ivrach. The sphere occupied by these two gentlemen in the community will not be easily filled, but it is hoped their influence will have developed the capabilities of others so that their loss may be somewhat mitigated.

account, as far as the farmer is concerned. The farmer of the West should be free to send where he can buy the cheapest, untrammelled by red tape, the way the manufacturers like to do when they are buying their raw material. However, until the next revision, we will have to grin and bear it. I hope to see the farmers' organizations of Western Canada rise in their might, and demand in no uncertain manner, that their just rights be duly recognized, and more favorable conditions incorporated in the next revised Tariff. These organizations have done very well in the past, and I earnestly hope they may achieve what they are working for, a square deal.

Sask.

H. K. BINGHAM.



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