

ing wheel, the gift of Mr. G. F. Bryan, the well-known cigar manufacturer. Entries are to be made with Mr. Jos. Carter, of Winnipeg, not later than three days before the races and wheelmen in all parts of the province are cordially invited to take part.

The directors have been at some expense this year to provide for the dog show. This feature was discontinued a year or two ago, but interest in the brooding of good dogs has revived so considerably in the last few years that the directors feel justified in re-instituting the show and trust it will prove popular. The building will be kept cool by ice and every attention paid to comfort and sanitation.

A splendid show of agricultural implements will be seen at the fair this year. Perhaps nothing on the grounds is of greater value to the farmer from an educational point of view than these exhibits. He sees there each year implements which are new and unfamiliar to him and the opportunity thus afforded him of becoming acquainted with them, of comparing them with others of similar nature but different pattern and of finally selecting the best, is unique.

The wonderful performance of the Valdis sisters, with its brilliant electrical effects, is sure to prove immensely attractive. Their act created quite a furore in New York recently, and every body will appreciate the enterprise displayed by the directors in bringing them here. Their apparatus is called the "trapezone." It revolves on a shaft and has two ordinary trapezes attached, on which the sisters perform. When the lights are in operation, the effect produced by the revolving framework is singularly beautiful.

Their performance concludes with a tower dive into a net sixty feet below. This part is simply thrilling and stamps them as artists possessing plenty of nerve.

The new combination judging ring to be used on the fair grounds this year will prove a great convenience both to the judges and stock owners. Four hundred feet of seating accommodation has been provided around the edge of the ring and a large number of spectators will thus be enabled to obtain a comfortable view of the proceedings.

A glance at the following programme will give one some idea of what the Winnipeg Industrial is providing for its patrons, and it must also be remembered that it can be witnessed nowhere else in Western Canada.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AND SPEEDING EVENTS.

Two bands will be in attendance each afternoon and evening during the week.

Monday—Athletic day: Bicycle races 1-2 mile open; 1 mile novice; 1 mile open; 1 mile handicap; 2 mile handicap; 3 mile team race; 2 mile tandem race; road race. Foot races, Scottish games, athletic competitions, platform attractions.

Tuesday—Children's day: Trotting and running events—2.40 trot or pace, purse \$200; farmers green trot or pace, purse \$10; 7-8 mile open dash, purse \$150; children's races, dog races.

Wednesday—Farmer's day: Trotting and running events—2.30 trot or pace, purse \$300; farmers' trot or pace, value \$70; 3-4 mile open dash, purse \$200; 14 1-2 hands pony race, purse \$100.

Thursday—Citizens day: Trotting and running events—3 minute trot or

pace, purse \$300; 2.20 trot or pace, purse \$300; 11-8 mile open dash, purse \$200; 5-8 mile open heats, purse \$150.

Friday—American's day: Trotting and running events—Free for all trot or pace, purse \$1500; 1-2 mile open heats, purse \$150; Manitoba Derby, 11-16 mile dash, purse \$300.

Saturday—Ladies' day: Trotting and running events—Stallion trot or pace, purse \$300; 1 mile handicap dash, purse \$200; 1 mile novelty, purse \$100; polo pony race.

Vaudeville programme each afternoon and evening, rendered by the following portion of a renowned company of talented performers, who have been engaged in the city of New York: Two Sisters Valdis, trapezone artists, electrical effects, Johnson, Davenport and Lorella, burlesque acrobats; Eulalie, premiere danseuse; Austin Sisters, aerial trapeze performers; Estus, the great equilibrist; Zeno, Zeno and Zeno, original gymnasts; Bessie Gilbert, cornet virtuoso; Three Brothers Moa, comedy skating artists; Froebel and Ruggle, comedy trapeze act; Three Sisters Merkel, phenomenal contortionists.

Grand fireworks and pyrotechnic display entitled "Relief of Lucknow."

It is doubtful whether any attraction on the grounds this year will surpass the band of the 48th Highlanders in popular favor. The directors believe that the expenses they have been put to bringing this organization to Winnipeg will be amply repaid by the interest it will excite.

The band will be returning east immediately after the close of their engagement and Manitoban's should not miss this opportunity of hearing a really first class band.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, July 4.

General trade continues good and there is a decided improvement in northern outfitting, although there is no real rush to Yukon. Big cattle shipments continue to be made to Dawson and other points through Vancouver and large consignments are every week being sent north of liquors, food commodities and other necessities.

The heavy rain of about a week ago beat down the hay in the Lulu Island district to some extent and also did some detriment to the oat crop of the district. The return, however, of fine weather has prevented any serious mischief and both the oat and hay crops of the district promise to be more than usually abundant. Mr. McLaughlin, who recently attempted to corner oats and hay in British Columbia, appears to have given up that undertaking. It is understood that another project in which he was also interesting himself, namely the establishment, partly on co-operative lines, of a big miners' supply trading organization with headquarters in Vancouver, is now unlikely to mature.

Thos. Cunningham, Provincial Fruit Inspector, is carefully supervising shipments from the States. He has already condemned several consignments of infected apples. The small fruits yield of the district around Vancouver this year will be very large. As far as strawberries are concerned a few more days will, however, probably see the beginning of the end of the local season and raspberries already coming in considerable quantities to take the place of the

larger berry. Considerable quantities of currants are also being marketed in Vancouver by growers in the neighborhood. Many small holders in the Vancouver district will this year make good livings, as a result mainly of their abundant small fruit crops.

The dairy market is exceedingly dull and will be for another thirty days owing to the large quantity of local farmers' stuff coming into market.

Mr. Redmond Promoted.

At the recent annual meeting of the Ames, Holden Co. manufacturers of boots and shoes, Montreal, J. C. Holden retired from the active management of the company and Jas. Redmond, for many years manager of the Winnipeg branch, was elected in his place. Mr. Redmond at once assumes the management at the headquarters of the company at Montreal. A. L. Johnson was appointed to succeed Mr. Redmond as manager at Winnipeg. The many friends of Mr. Redmond in Winnipeg will be pleased to hear of his promotion to the head of one of our foremost commercial and industrial concerns, but at the same time his removal from Winnipeg is a matter for sincere regret. Mr. Redmond was an active member of the Winnipeg board of trade, and a past president of the board. His opinion upon questions which concern the board or any other business matter, was always respected, and he was esteemed for his personal qualities as well as his business sagacity. Mr. Redmond left Winnipeg for Great Britain some months ago, and he returned to Montreal in time for the annual meeting. When he visits Winnipeg, as he no doubt will at no very distant date, his friends here will take the opportunity, which they have not yet had, of expressing their regrets over his removal from the city.

Mr. Johnson, who succeeds Mr. Redmond here as local manager, has been with the Winnipeg house for twelve years, and has put in much of that time on the road. He is therefore, thoroughly familiar with the western trade, and well informed as to the business affairs of this branch. Mr. Johnson has been acting manager for the past six or seven months during Mr. Redmond's absence. The change will only affect the local house in the change of management. In all other respects the business will go on as before. The Winnipeg house controls the territory from Lake Superior to British Columbia.

Dry Goods Trade.

A new thing in the trade, so far as The Commercial is aware, is leather neckties. These will shortly be put on the market by the wholesale saddlery and leather house of E. F. Hutchings, Winnipeg. The goods will first be introduced to the public at the Winnipeg exhibition next week. Mr. Hutchings will have a quantity of the neckties made up, for the purpose of supplying the trade. The ties are made of soft leather, and they look very neat and handsome. In fact they might readily be mistaken for silk in appearance, and they can be tied in any shape desired as neatly and readily as a silk scarf. They will be made in a variety of colors, and will no doubt meet with a considerable sale, as they will be cheap and serviceable.