

Manitoba and the West

The Greenway Sale—Grain Dealers' Figures—Live Stock

Matters

(By Our Western Correspondent)

Winnipeg, Nov. 11th, 1903.

The second Prairie Home P. B. stock sale came off yesterday. Crystal City, the little country town whose only claim to fame is as a lion. Those Greenway's residence, was filled to overflowing with visitors, sightseers and intending purchasers of pure-bred stock. Special trains were run and there were over 1,000 strangers at the farm besides the whole of the local farming population. The weather was not all that could have been desired, but this unfavorable circumstance did not detract from the success of the sale.

After lunch at the farm, the large pavilion (seating 800) was quickly filled while large numbers, who had no intention of purchasing made a tour of inspection of the splendid farm buildings, which have recently been installed with electric light. Prairie Home is in every respect a model stock and dairy farm and is well worth visiting.

The sale was conducted by Capt. T. E. Robson. The principal features were as follows:

THE SHORTHORNS

"Autumn Rose," a beautiful red cow, six years old, was bid up to \$300 and sold to Mr. Austin, a North Dakota breeder. "Autumn Rose 2nd," (heifer calf), went to the same buyer for \$195. Following were: "Matchless of Greenwood," two-year-old, to A. M. Nanton, Winnipeg, \$130; "Eramosa Lady," two-year-old, William Chapman, \$175; "Scotch Glen," Prairie Home, two-year-old, to R. Robertson, Snowflake, \$175; "Lily Aired 3rd," (yearling heifer), \$100; "Oxford Rose Ath," (yearling, heifer), \$95; "Warkworth Lily," (yearling heifer), \$105; "Pride of McGill," of Crystal City, "Pride of Greenwood," (yearling), \$100, James Duthie, Hartney; "Eva Lavender," (yearling), \$155, Nelson, Selkirk; William Martin and A. M. Nanton purchased two yearling bulls, "Fashion Star" and "Stanley Bruce," at \$80 apiece. "Stratton," another yearling male, went to M. C. Arnold, also a North Dakota breeder, for \$80; "Prairie Canadian 11th," same age, to R. F. Powell, another Dakota breeder, for \$115. William Bryan, Nanga, selected "Judge's Chickie," also a yearling, at \$100. The average price received on the sixteen Shorthorns disposed of was \$132.

AYRESHIRE

"Stately Queen," five-year-old; "Bonny Doo," three-year-old, and "Lady Lightfoot," yearling, all Ayreshires, went to Wellington Hardy, Roland, at \$120, \$75 and \$60 respectively. Three other Ayreshires, "Flossie Meadowside" (cow), "Lilian of St. Anne's" (cow), and "Lilian and" (yearling), were purchased by A. M. Nanton for \$65, \$75 and \$80 respectively. G. Crothers secured "Prairie Belle," three-year-old, for \$75. Two yearling bulls brought \$30 and \$40.

THE HORSES SOLD

"Boydston Lass 7th," Clydesdale mare, was purchased by James Yule, of East Selkirk, price \$75. "Fitzpatrick," two-year-old stallion, brought \$225, William Martin. "Patrick's Grandeur," yearling stallion, \$205, Lawrie Bros, Morris.

Thirty pure-bred swine brought as high as \$25 apiece in some cases, the average being \$17. Twenty-one sheep were sold, going as high as \$15 for yearling rams. In these two classes bidding was brisk.

Captain Smith, of Bird's Hill, purchased a very fine Yorkshire sow, and for the Bird's Hill Farmers' Institute a boar of the same breed.

It was generally conceded that the purchasers had the best of the sale and that the prices obtained were not nearly equal to those at the June sale. The stock offered was almost entirely of Mr. Greenway's own breeding.

The Northwestern Grain Dealers Association is an organization of the elevator owners, grain commission merchants and exporters, whose objects can be so readily imagined that they need not be described. Probably no other agency outside the government is in an equal position for securing accurate reports on crop conditions and results. At every grain shipping point in Manitoba and the Territories, there are from one to a dozen agents of the firms represented in this association. On the reports of these agents many of the operations of the association are based. Their intimate relations with the producers—the farmers—enable them to figure out the crop to a nicety.

The following "Circular No. 27" signed by the secretary of the association has just been received. We give it in full:

October 15th, 1903.

NORTHWEST GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION

	Acres	Bus. per acre	Yield
Wheat	3,123,663	16.1	50,290,974
Oats	1,101,333	36.5	40,198,654
Barley	381,135	20.7	11,319,709
Flax	64,639	9	581,751

WHEAT SITUATION

There is only 65 per cent of the crop threshed.

Allow for country mills... 6,500,000 bus.
Allow for seed... 7,500,000 " 11,000,000 bus.
Leaving for marketing

(export) \$6,290,974 " It remains to be seen how this will compare with the Government Crop Bulletin. Certainly, it is unfavorable in comparison with some of the estimates made by the land-selling corporations during the past two months.

There will be no session of the Manitoba Government Dairy School in 1904. The lease of the building occupied during the past five years by this institution expired in May last and as a suitable location could not be secured at a reasonable outlay the Minister of Agriculture decided to suspend the school until the establishment of the Agricultural College.

Owing to the upward tendency of wheat-growing, as a result of the remarkable crops of the past three seasons, interest in dairying has fallen off to a certain extent during the past two years, which is a further justification of the Minister's action in regard to the school. It should not be understood that the production of butter and cheese has fallen off in Manitoba, but that the growth of these industries has not been commensurate with the progress made in other lines of agriculture.

A beet sugar factory in West-
smyd, Alta., with over 5,000
beets in the sheds and a staff of
in charge. Alberta is watch-

ing this enterprise with deep interest. If successful there will almost certainly be other factories erected in the near future throughout the irrigated belt of Southern Alberta.

A joint meeting of the executive committees of the Live Stock Associations was held on the 28th October, to consider the advisability of holding an auction sale of pure-bred stock in connection with the annual meetings of smaller breeders are enthusiastically in favor of such an effort which they believe will enable them to secure the class of stock which is suited to the individual requirements without the expense attendant upon making a personal visit to the breeders. Besides the saving of expense they will doubtless also be better satisfied with their purchases, which they will have seen side by side with some dozens of similar animals. The associations are dependent upon financial support from the Federal and Provincial Governments and as such steps can be taken until the attitude of the Minister of Agriculture has been ascertained. A deputation will wait upon him at an early date with this object in view.

The associations also have in view an extension of the School of Stock Judging, which they inaugurated last year. Last February the sessions lasted for two weeks in Winnipeg and several days in Brandon. If the plans of the Associations materialize there will be added to these a number of other points where lectures and demonstrations will be given for two and three days. As the Secretary of the Association puts the matter: "When we bring men from a distance we should certainly give them

(Continued on page 837.)

Make Guelph College a Great Agricultural University

To the Editor of the FARMING WORLD:

The proposition to widen the scope and usefulness of the Ontario Agricultural College by making it a national institution whereby it shall serve the whole Dominion as a great agricultural university, appeals to me most forcibly. The furtherance of the scheme of course lies with the Federal Government, and a liberal annual appropriation from that government to such a university would probably bear better fruit in practical results than would a similar sum expended in any other direction.

That "knowledge is power" is probably truer when applied to agriculture than to any other profession or business, and any scheme which has its object in increasing the facilities for the acquisition of higher and more advanced agricultural education, should receive the hearty endorsement and support of the government of the Dominion.

Nova Scotia will soon open her Provincial Agricultural College, and one needs no great spirit of prophecy to predict that the other provinces east and west will eventually fall into line by establishing similar institutions. These provincial schools, however, must of necessity be limited in their scope, and while they will afford excellent facilities in providing means for instructing the work-a-day farm boys and men, they will not be able to make provision for the class who wish to secure a higher and more advanced education in scientific agriculture. Such provincial colleges should be feeders to a great central university, and Guelph, if enabled to enlarge and improve her already splendid equipment by means of a substantial increase in revenue, would be in a position to amply fill the requirements of such a national university.

PAUL C. BLACK,
Falmouth, N.S.