

Morden Fair.

The fifteenth annual exhibition of the "Morden Electoral Division Agricultural Society" was held in the society's grounds, Morden, on Friday, the 17th July. The day was observed as a general holiday for many miles around, practically all the farmers and their families of the district being there. Nor were any disappointed who came to see a show of stock, for in all classes the animals shown were of a high standard. The show of horses was a good one, and in every section there was close and keen competition. The horse-judging ring was the center of interest for fully five hours, and the greatest care and deliberation was exercised in placing the animals in every section.

HORSES.

There were 75 entries in the agricultural or general-purpose class. Mr. R. C. Henders, Culross, was judge, and his placing seemed to be popular in every case. The teams in the agricultural class were really a fine show, there being eight entries, and each team a first-class one. In the brood mare section there were twenty animals in the ring, and there they had to remain until full consideration was given to each. The successful competitors were Byard Hill and E. Leatherdale, who won first and second prizes respectively.

Light horses were an equally good show, and first-class style and quality were shown in the ring during all the time of the judging.

CATTLE.

The cattle also were a fine show. Prominent amongst the exhibitors were Messrs. Shorthorn Brothers, who had a strong herd of Shorthorns in the stables, and Messrs. Henderson and Topley, with a herd of very fine Aberdeen-Angus cattle. The bull—now three years old—which leads this herd was first in two-year-olds at Winnipeg last year, and each and all of the females are of the very best quality, with good size and growth. Shorthorns were, of course, the strongest show, and in their class the competition was keenest. Shorthorn Bros. were the most highly successful, but close after them came James Godkin, Geo. Hamilton, Byard Hill, A. C. Macallum, and J. S. Gibson.

Shorthorn Bros., though well to the front with their grade cattle, did not win a position in any section without meeting strong and very creditable opposition, Messrs. Henry Johnstone, Byard Hill, Oswald Bowie and Wm. Henderson all taking a share of the honors.

SWINE.

There were very fine animals shown in the two classes of swine competing. Berkshires were the strongest show, both in numbers and quality. Mr. John Ching was the most successful exhibitor, taking five red tickets and three blue out of the list of honors. In the Tamworth class the honors were about equally divided between Mr. M. Chappell and Mr. Henry Johnstone.

SHEEP.

There was a fairly good representation of Short-wool sheep, in which class Messrs. Geo. Brown, Jas. Dudgeon, Thos. Bolton and J. W. Vanorman all took their share of prizes and blanks.

In the tent a fine display of dairy produce, grain and roots and industrial work was shown, and these proved to be one of the standard attractions of the day, for the tent was all along crowded with visitors, who showed the keenest interest in the exhibits.

This was Morden's first summer fair, and it was looked upon pretty much as an experiment. It proved, moreover, one of the successful experiments, and the members of Morden Agricultural Society may go forward with all confidence with their annual summer fair.

The Summer-fallow Passing.

The summer-fallow is almost a thing of the past on the Portage plains, the growing of barley having superseded it. The barley land is pretty thoroughly cultivated after the other grains are sown, thus killing a great many weeds; then some early variety is used, so that wild oats and many other weeds have not seeded before cutting is completed. The barley is used chiefly for feed, and the grinding means death to most of the foul seeds. The land can again be cultivated in the early fall, giving still another chance for weed seeds to germinate, when continued cultivation or the frosts of winter will put an end to their troublesome existence.

Kirkella Extension.

Work on the Kirkella extension is being rapidly pushed forward, and now the steel extends some miles beyond Tantallon. Towns, unknown a year ago, are springing into existence, and evidences of prosperity are to be seen on every hand. Welwyn has two stores and three elevators, one of the elevators being owned by the farmers in the surrounding district. Considerable building is projected and a new Methodist church is being built. Rocanville boasts five elevators, two

stores, a boarding house, feed stable and Massey-Harris implement shop.

Since the entrance of the railway, land has been considerably enhanced in value, and no doubt there will be a decidedly increased area under crop next year.

Brandon Stock-judging Contest.

The stock-judging contest, open to farmers or farmers' sons under thirty years of age, held at Brandon's Big Fair, proved to be, as its predecessor at Winnipeg, a leading feature of the exhibition. A number of young men entered most of the classes, and as a rule good placing was done. Mr. Duncan Anderson had charge, and the competition was conducted upon very satisfactory lines. The winners in each class were as follows:

Heavy Horses.—1, J. C. Readey, Winnipeg; 2, D. Moir, Brandon; 3, H. V. Clendenning, Bradwardine.

Light Horses.—1, J. C. Readey; 2, David Moir; 3, H. V. Clendenning.

Dairy Cattle.—1, Jno. C. Readey; 2, David Moir; 3, H. V. Clendenning.

Beef Cattle.—1, H. V. Clendenning; 2, J. G. Barrow; 3, T. W. Robson, Manitou; 4, S. Chalmers, Hayfield.

Mr. J. C. Readey secured the highest number of points, and, consequently, receives the "Farmer's Advocate" gold medal, valued at \$25.00.

Fair Dates.

The dates at which a number of summer shows and exhibitions yet to be held is published herewith. Secretaries of fairs not included in this list are requested to forward the date of their exhibition to this office.

SUMMER FAIRS.

Prince Albert, Sask.	August 11 and 12
Regina, Assa.	August 11 and 12
Strathclair, Man.	August 12
Broadview	August 13
Strathcona	August 13 and 14
Wapella, Assa.	August 14
Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.	August 17 and 18
Lacombe, Alta.	August 20
Toronto	August 27 to Sept 12

FALL FAIRS.

Central Sask. (Saskatoon)	Sept. 29 and 30
Maple Creek, Assa.	Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1
Roosters, Sask.	Oct. 1
Duck Lake, Sask.	Oct. 2
Carlyle, Assa.	Oct. 2
Medicine Hat, Assa.	Oct. 2 and 3
Kinistino, Sask.	Oct. 6
Fairmeade, Assa.	Oct. 6
Olids, Alta.	Oct. 6
Lethbridge, Alta.	Oct. 6 and 7
Victoria, B. C.	Oct. 6 to 10
Innisfail, Alta.	Oct. 7
Gladstone	Oct. 8
Grenfell, Assa.	Oct. 8
Red Deer, Alta.	Oct. 8 and 9
Pincher Creek, Alta.	Oct. 8

Welwyn Farmers' Elevator Co.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator Co. was held at Welwyn, on Tuesday, July 14th. The report, while not covering a period of actual business, took in what was perhaps more important, the organization of the company and construction of the elevator. Some difficulty was experienced in securing the site and getting a start, but the people were very much in earnest. The difficulty was overcome, and today the farmers of the vicinity are in possession of a modern elevator, complete in every detail, with a capacity of 35,000 bushels, and erected at a cost of about \$6,000. After the adoption of the report and a discussion of the year's business, the officers were elected, and the meeting closed with three hearty cheers for the directors and officers of the past year. We predict for the Farmers' Elevator Co. a brilliant success. The people have entered into this movement in the true spirit of co-operation, and there is no reason why the Farmers' Elevator Co. of Welwyn should not be a permanent success and lasting benefit to the farmers of this district.

Crops in Eastern Assiniboia.

The crops throughout Eastern Assiniboia are fairly good. This may not appear very flattering, but there is no use disguising the fact that the probable yield will fall below that of 1902. In conversation with hundreds of farmers, nearly all express the same opinion; that is, that a slightly lower yield per acre will be the result of the present harvest. The crop, however, is somewhat earlier than last year, and with favorable weather the yield may be surprising. Some complaints are heard of losses from poor seed oats, but many overcome the difficulty by a second sowing at a later date. Barley and flax are looking well, and the prospects are good for an excellent yield. A slight frost has passed through near the boundary, but comparatively little damage was done. The season has been very dry, and for a season and general farm work has been hindered. It has been broken in preparation for next year's crop.

Markets.**Winnipeg Markets.**

Cattle.—There has been a slight falling off in price. The abundant supply of range cattle expected, and the reports of their high condition tends to depress the price at this season. There are already a few offerings of grass-fed cattle on the market. Choice prime cattle are worth 4½c., and secondary grades, 3c. to 4c.

Horses.—There is still a brisk market in horses, and all offered are being bought up at the high prices ruling all this season. Teams are selling at from \$300 to \$400. Carriage and light horses are selling briskly at continued high figures.

Sheep.—Some Manitoba and Northwest mutton is now arriving at Winnipeg, but the real supply still comes from the East. Mutton sheep are bringing 4½c. to 5c. per pound, and lambs are selling from \$4 to \$5 each.

Hogs.—There is a good supply, and the quality is good in all classes. Prime lots bring 6c. per pound; heavy, 5½c.; extra heavy and light, 5c.

Dressed meats.—Market continues well balanced, prices as last reported.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Contrary to expectations, there has been no falling off in price after exhibition week. Supplies continue scarce, and the extra reserve seems to have been all exhausted, leaving the state of the market and the high rate of prices practically the same as before and during exhibition week.

Dairy butter, 12c. to 13c. for pound lots of choice quality.

Cheese.—From 9c. to 9½c. is still the price offered for Manitoba, and a few shipments are being made at that figure.

Vegetables.—Old potatoes are now very little used, and the supply of new ones is gradually bringing the price down to a reasonable figure.

GRAIN.

Wheat.—Wheat has made quite a strong advance during the week. There has been quite an activity in speculation. The prospects for the fall are a high grade of wheat, with a supply considerably below that of last year. The prices are: No. 1 hard, 86½c. to 87c.; No. 1 Northern, 85c. to 85½c.; No. 2 Northern, 82½c.; No. 3 Northern, 78c.; No. 4 wheat, 57c.

Oats.—Milling oats of last harvest have run somewhat scarce. There is a plentiful supply of feed grades. Prices are: No. 1 white, 32c.; No. 2 white, 31c.; seed grades, 27c. to 30c.

Barley.—There has been practically no offering in barley during the week and no variation in prices. No. 3 is quoted at 38c. in car lots; feed grades, 30c. to 34c.

Flaxseed.—There is now very little demand for flaxseed, and very little on the market. The price is \$1 per bushel.

Hay.—Hay continues to advance in price on account of the shortage in crop. Fresh baled is selling at \$7 to \$8, and loose at \$6 to \$7.

Ground Feed.—The demand is still strong and somewhat abreast of the supply. The prices are: Oat chop, \$21; barley chop, \$18; mixed barley and oats, \$20; crop screenings, \$12; oil cake, \$27 per ton.

Mill Feed.—Bran is selling at \$16, and shorts at \$18 per ton.

There has been no change in the flour market. The demand holds steady at prices last reported: No. 1, \$2.15; No. 2, \$2; No. 3, \$1.65; No. 4, \$1.35 per sack of 98 pounds.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.20 to \$5.50; poor to medium, \$3.70 to \$5; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.35; cows, \$1.50 to \$4.50; heifers, \$2 to \$4.60; canners, \$1.70 to \$2.50; bulls, \$2 to \$4.25; calves, \$3 to \$6. Hogs.—Mixed and butchers', \$5 to \$5.60; good to choice, heavy, \$5.25 to \$5.45; rough, heavy, \$4.65 to \$5.20; light, \$5.35 to \$5.75; bulk of sales, \$5.10 to \$5.35. Sheep.—Good to choice wethers, \$3.60 to \$4; fair to choice mixed, \$2.75 to \$3.50; natives, \$3.25.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, August 4.—No really prime cattle were offered and 4½c. per lb. was about the highest rate paid. Medium cattle sold at 3½c. to 4½c., and the common stock at 2c. to 3c. per lb. Calves, \$2 to \$3 each, or 3c. to 4½c. per lb. Sheep, 3c. to about 3½c. per lb., and good lots of lambs \$3.50 to about \$4 per head. Common lambs sold at about \$3 each. Hogs are again declining, good lots sold at from 6c. to 6½c. per lb.

British Markets.

London, Aug. 3.—Live cattle easier at 11c. to 12½c. per lb. American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c. to 11½c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9c. to 9½c. per lb. Sheep, 11c. to 12½c.