

Second Annual Winnipeg Horse Show

There are four cities in Canada in which horse shows pure and simple are held, Toronto, Montreal, Galt and Winnipeg. The two former have a continental reputation, Galt's is purely local, while Winnipeg's, the latest to attain distinction, is essentially western in its scope and tone.

The Economical Use of Wheat Screenings.

With the prime object of drawing attention to the use of wheat screenings which bulk so largely every fall in the wheat marketings of the West, one of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE visited Port Arthur and looked into the methods there followed.

the public maw is an insatiable one for really good mutton, to get which, some grain must be fed to sheep of the mutton breeds or their grades. The sheep industry needs to be considered more from the view point of the grade flockmaster by our big shows, than it has in the past. Sheep do exceptionally well on the native herbage of the prairie and also on the stubbles, and winter without trouble and with but small percentage of loss from any cause.

During the past winter several schemes for fattening sheep on the by-product of elevators has been tried, and with entire success. The fact that on the American side there were feeders of sheep willing and anxious to buy screening and pay freight and duty on them suggested that there would be an even larger profit in feeding these screenings at home. Indeed this has been done from time to time in the past on a small scale, some man near an elevator or owning one, getting a car of wethers and finishing them through the winter. Two more experiments were carried on at Port Arthur and Moose Jaw. Port Arthur was selected as having the advantage of being near the great terminal elevators, where screenings are plentiful, and Moose Jaw as a point where screenings were to be obtained and yet which was quite near the range country where the sheep are raised.

The following lucid description of the Moose Jaw experiment thus detailed by Miss E. Cora Hind, Commercial Editor of the *Manitoba Free Press* should be of considerable interest to all the farmers and in conjunction with our former articles on this important subject should draw attention to a method by which the cost of the large waste and loss to the farmer may be greatly reduced.

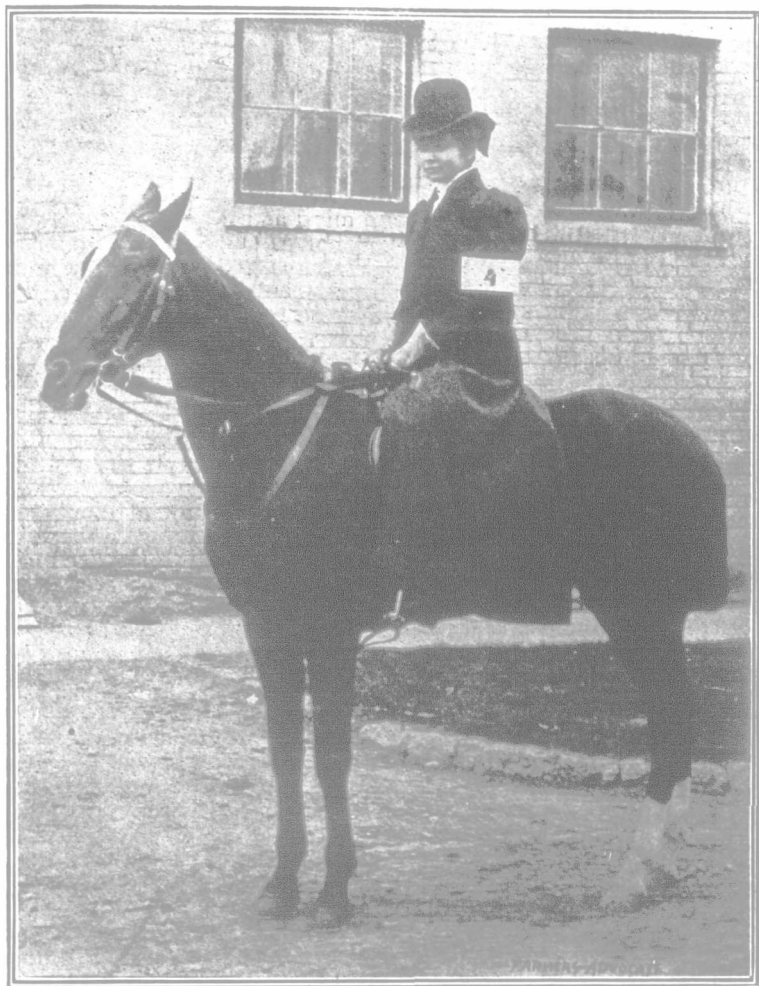
SHEEPFEEDING.

The full results of the Port Arthur experiment are not yet known, but the sheep and lambs after 100 days' feeding were nearly all marketed in Toronto at \$6.70 per cwt., almost the highest figure that has been made on that market.

During the present month a Free Press staff correspondent spent a day at Moose Jaw, looking into the results obtained at that point. The scheme has proved so profitable as to give results that are almost startling. The gentleman who was mainly interested in the scheme was Mr. Grant, and he was not in town on the day of the visit, but Mr. Annable, who has watched the experiment closely and had access to the books, furnished the following figures:

WHERE THEY WERE FED.

The point selected for feeding was the valley just south of the town, the high hills forming an excellent windbreak to the north and west. Here sheds were erected with accommodation for 4,000 or 5,000 sheep. Unlike the sheds at Port Arthur, they were closed in and had a good roof; they were not floored, but were furnished with automatic feeding troughs and plenty of good water.



BEST GIRL RIDER.
Winnipeg Horse Show.

The show was organized a little over a year ago and the first exhibition was given outside, but owing to unpropitious weather did not attain the success anticipated. The second annual show was held in the large rink, the Auditorium, which was specially floored, and profusely decorated for the occasion giving a gala holiday air most appropriate for Victoria Day week. For three days large audiences surrendered themselves to the fascinating charms of King Equine and forgot the sensations of whirling down asphalt streets in the odoriferous gas wagon.

The object of the horse show is to give prominence to certain types of horses that usually receive scant recognition at the regular exhibitions. Breeding classes are generally well fostered at fairs, but the commercial classes, while having splendid cash prizes offered them as an inducement to show, have not the best opportunity to show to advantage before critical audiences. The horse show is further intended to give impetus to the breeding of fancy driving and saddle horses by making horsemanship a popular pastime among wealthy people. In this connection the event held last week was an unqualified success for on every hand men of means could be heard declaring they would have a horse to win such and such a prize.

The greater number of the exhibitors were city residents but a few horses from outside were able to get into the charmed circle and carry off some of the best trophies. The greatest interest of the show centered around the saddle classes in which there were some magnificent entries. Early in the show Ma Mignonne owned by Miss Cameron of Winnipeg captured several firsts, but later Kenneth Price of Moosomin came forward strongly with his heavy hunter Rex and finally won the valuable Grain Exchange cup for the best saddle horse of the show. Another popular win by an outsider's horse was that for the grand championship of the show, the Osler, Hammond and Nanton cup, which went to Barron Moss Meteor, Dr. Henderson's, Carberry, Hackney stallion of show yard renown. The same horse won this cup last year so that it now becomes the absolute property of the Carberry horseman.

For fancy leather horses A. M. Nanton's Prince and Charlie made a show which was a revelation to the spectators and a credit to any ring. They appear to be of standard bred blood. Miss Cameron showed a team of similar breeding, while Mr. Hugh Sutherland showed a pair which appeared to carry considerable Hackney blood, although they were not well educated.

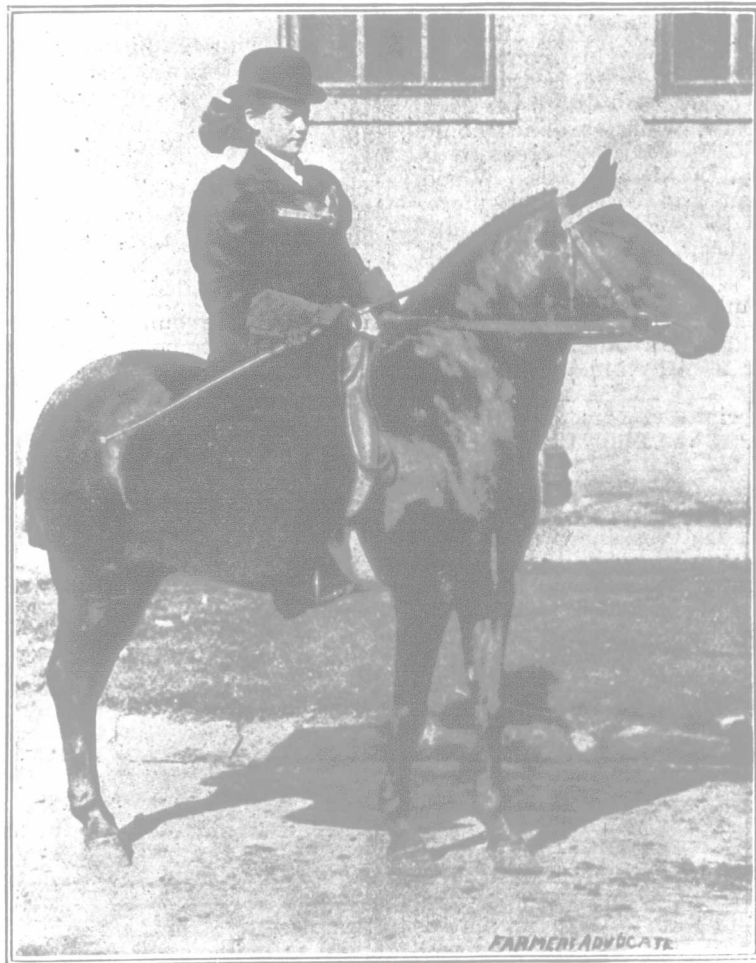
The combination class was popular with exhibitors and spectators alike, a horse of apparently Hackney breeding belonging to D. E. Sprague won, after being exhibited to dog cart and under saddle.

The judges were Dr. A. J. Armstrong of Regina, W. G. Darling of St. Paul and A. G. Hopkins of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

The association feel gratified with the success of the show and look forward to the time when they will be able to offer substantial cash prizes.

Sheep are at the present good property on farms, in fact always are when their beneficial effect on the land, from the standpoint of weed destruction, soil packing, manuring, mutton and wool, and utilization of the grain growers by-products are considered.

In the first there have been difficulties in the way of sheep raising in the Canadian west, chief among such being the depredations of wolves and coyotes, and these difficulties are not yet over, judging by the frequency with which farmers' meetings petition government for wolf bounties and a reduction or the entire abolition of duty on lines of wire fencing that afford protection against wolves. In spite of these difficulties the sheep is a very profitable animal, and



A POPULAR WINNER.
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