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- 7.—Letters intended for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on "The Profits of Beef Production in Manitoba or the Northwest;" writer to give a detailed statement of the cost of production. Essay to be in this office not later than July 15th.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on "Butter-making on the Farm, and the profits to be derived therefrom," essay to be based on writer's own experience. Essay to be in this office not later than August 15th.

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Brandon Summer Fair.

Active preparations are in progress for the Summer Fair of the Brandon Agricultural Society to be held on their grounds July 19th and 20th. Several new features have been introduced, and a considerable amount is offered in special prizes, in addition to upwards of \$2,000 offered by the Society in the various classes. Special attention will also be given to the poultry exhibits, which will be under the superintendence of the Brandon Poultry Association. A large increase of the number of entries is anticipated in this department. The prize list speaks for itself. Write to the Secretary for a copy. The indications are that the fair this year will surpass any previously held, both in the number of entries and in the quality and excellence of the exhibits. A grand display of live stock in all the classes is looked for, both of imported and home-bred animals.

C. P. R. Extension.

The extension of several lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be continued vigorously during the present season in south-western Manitoba, and into the Territories, which bodes well for that section of the province. The Souris branch, completed last season as far as Oxbow, is being rushed through to the coal fields in southern Assiniboia; the connection between the Deloraine branch westward to Napinka on the Souris branch is to be made, and the Glenboro line, last season run to Nesbitt, will be completed to Souris, and a further branch westward from Menteith to the well-settled Pipestone district is contemplated. It is also announced that the company will begin grading an important line from the southern Assiniboia coal fields, before mentioned, away to the main line at Regina or Moosejaw, thus opening up a large area of new territory, and another line from Fort McLeod to the Crow's Nest Pass.

C. P. R. Lands Selling Fast.

Mr. L. A. Hamilton, C. P. R. Land Commissioner, Winnipeg, reports continued and unprecedented sales of farm lands throughout the Northwest. Greatly encouraged by the remarkable success of the auction sales of Edmonton lands at that place on May 3rd, he has arranged for another sale on Tuesday, July 5th. Purchasers will receive a refund of travelling expenses to the sale, by a deduction from first payment. For full particulars write the Land Commissioner, Mr. L. A. Hamilton, Winnipeg.

Typographical Error.

On page 188 May issue FARMER'S ADVOCATE, the use of an "f" for an "s" represented Mr. Horne, of Oak Lake, as selling a considerable quantity of his highly prized "Emporium" wheat for "feed", when seed was obviously meant. Mr. Horne doubtless could not supply the demand for seed, let alone selling such choice wheat for feeding purposes.

Agricultural Exhibitions.

North Plympton, Springfield.....	Oct 5-6
Virdeu.....	Thursday, July 14th
Glenboro.....	Friday, " 15th
Oak Lake.....	Saturday, " 16th
Brandon.....	Tuesday and Wednesday, " 19-20
Winnipeg "Industrial".....	" 25-29
Macleod, N. W. T.....	Tuesday, Aug. 2nd
Meadow Lea (Woodlands E. D. Soc.), Tues., Oct. 4th	
Saskatoon.....	Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5-6
Regina.....	Thursday and Friday, " 6-7

NOTE.—Fair secretaries or directors are requested to send in additions to the above list.—Ed.

The World's Columbian Exposition.

Mr. N. Awrey, M. P. P., Ontario's Commissioner to the Columbian Exposition, has recently issued the following letter, copies of which have been sent to many of the leading fine stock breeders residing in Ontario:—

Toronto, May 1st, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I have taken the liberty of forwarding you a blank form for preliminary application for space at the World's Columbian Exposition, 1893. On account of the limited space at the disposal of the Commissioner for exhibits from this province, all stock before being sent will have to pass inspection by a properly appointed officer from this department. I would call your attention to the fact that the cost of transportation, maintenance, and care of all animals will be defrayed by the Governments of the Dominion and province of Ontario. It will not be necessary for exhibitors to send herdsmen with their stock, as the Commissioners for Ontario will provide professional herdsmen, who will have trained men under them, who are fully competent to care for stock. All animals required to remain in quarantine will be maintained and cared for at the expense of the Government. Trusting that you, as one of the leading breeders of the province, will feel it your duty to do all in your power to make the exhibition of stock such a one as will be a credit to our country, I would ask you to fill up the accompanying entry form with the names of all animals you would be willing to exhibit, and return it at as early a date as possible to Henry Wade, Esq., Secretary of the Ontario Commission, corner Queen and Yonge Streets, Toronto.

Any of our readers resident in Ontario who have not received a copy of this letter, accompanied by the necessary application forms, will be supplied with the same by applying to Mr. Henry Wade, by letter or otherwise. The Commissioner earnestly invites the hearty co-operation of all classes in Ontario, but especially the farmers and breeders. There are some persons foolish enough to suppose, or say they suppose, that in this matter the various governments will each give a preference to their political friends. We are in a position to state that nothing so foolish or suicidal to the best interests of Canada will be for a moment tolerated, either by Mr. Awrey or Professor Saunders. We would like to hear from Quebec and the other provinces by the sea. What are you doing in this matter, gentlemen?

We clip the above from a late issue of the eastern edition of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, that our readers may know the steps that are being taken by our sister province; it is time decided action were taken in Manitoba and the Northwest, that our fair province and the territories may be well represented, and fully advertised in Chicago. There is millions in it for the Canadian Northwest if we are properly represented.