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Our prize of \$5 has been awarded to Mr. D. F. Wilson, Brandon, for the best essay on "The Profits of Sheep Husbandry in Manitoba and the Northwest".

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on "The Advantages of Mixed Farming over Wheat Growing as a Specialty". Essays to be in this office not later than August 15th.

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The Dairy Commissioner's Visit.

Private advices from the Dominion Dairy Commissioner are to the effect that he will visit the fair at Brandon, as elsewhere announced, and will have two men in Manitoba and the Territories during a part of the season giving particular instruction in the manufacture of butter and cheese. They will also call attention to the best methods of practical dairying. The Professor promises his programme to us at an early date, or as soon as made out.

Quarantine on Sheep and Swine.

The Order-in-Council by the Department of Agricultural, Ottawa, imposing fifteen days quarantine on sheep and swine arriving in Canada from the seaboard, has been brought about by the late regulation of Hon. J. M. Rusk, Secretary of United States Bureau of Agriculture, it being plainly stated in the U. S. regulation that the absence of an order of this kind in Canada was why the imposition of a quarantine against Canadian sheep and swine was imposed by the department at Washington.

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

Matters are not progressing as smoothly in this matter as might be desired, and it is to be regretted that such is the case. During the work of last year there was the utmost unanimity of feeling—perfect harmony prevailing. Now, however, it is different; and if the exhibition proves to be a success it will be because the citizens are so desirous of attaining that end that they will overlook matters that under other circumstances would not be readily condoned. The great feeling in favor of an exhibition was manifested by the liberality with which the citizens responded to the call for special prizes. Some two thousand dollars has been added to the prize list in this manner, so that the prize list will reach something over ten thousand dollars. The cattle sheds have proved a bone of contention, and it is more than possible that the desire of some of the directors for running matters in their own way will result in a very small exhibit of cattle. The proposed stables are not at all satisfactory to the breeders, and those who have insisted on having them properly constructed have been denounced by other members as systematically deceiving the farmers and injuring the exhibition. The horses are, however, receiving a goodly share of attention and good stables, while the speeding track occupies first place, so far as location on the ground is concerned. It is too soon to condemn, as wise men often change their minds and mend their ways, but if the present plans are carried out a large amount of remodelling and reconstructing will be necessary in the near future.

Brandon Summer Fair.

This fair will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of July, and promises to be one of the best exhibitions ever held in the province. Last year the ADVOCATE called a meeting of the breeders of purebred cattle on the first night of the fair, which resulted in the formation of a strong and healthy association, and whose success caused the Dairy Association to emulate the example and arrange for a meeting of that Association at Brandon during the fair week of this year, and which will in all probability be a success, as in addition to other favorable circumstances Professor Robertson, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, is to give an address. The officers and directors, alive to the importance of these factors of success, are affording every facility in their power for holding these meetings, for which they certainly deserve the thanks of those interested. The ADVOCATE has from the time the farmers institutes became sufficiently numerous to warrant, advocated the establishing of a permanent central institute. The Brandon Agricultural Society having arranged for a meeting of delegates from the various local institutes on the day following the show, the ADVOCATE desires to impress upon these bodies the importance of accepting the invitation, and sending duly accredited delegates, and so far as possible instructing them on the course of action considered desirable. If this matter is properly taken hold of at this time the result cannot fail to be highly beneficial to institute work, and as a matter of course to the entire farming community; while, on the other hand, failure may put the work back for months, and perhaps for years. It is, therefore, to be hoped that every local institute organized prior to that date will send a delegate.

The Minister of Agriculture has expressed a willingness to grant reasonable financial aid to a central organization, if it is shown that such aid would be expended in a manner that would be likely to give beneficial results to the agricultural community. In view of all these favorable circumstances, and the further fact that a stock exhibit greatly in advance of that of any previous year is already assured, the fair of this summer should, and undoubtedly will be, a grand success.

Messrs. Chapman Bros., of the Quaker Hill Farm, near Beresford, have this year, which is their second in the country, 480 acres in wheat and 220 in oats. Last year they had 2,260 bushels of wheat, and sold at 84 cents per bushel. Manitoba has use for such young men.

Advices received at this office from the secretaries of several of the institutes, as well as the replies received by the Secretary of the Brandon Agricultural Society, indicates a large and successful meeting on the 23rd, for the formation of a central institute, as referred to elsewhere in this issue.