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Everyone interested in dairying should not only read, but study that instructive little book, "Dairying for Profit or the Poor Man's Cow," which may be obtained from the author, Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville, Ont. Price, 30 cents. Over 62,000 copies have been sold, and in order to further stimulate its circulation, we will give two copies to every old subscriber sending in his own name (renewal) and that of one new yearly subscriber accompanied by two dollars.

Bulletin No. 19, Central Experimental Farm, recently issued, is an exceedingly instructive little pamphlet, upon "Grasses; Their uses and composition," prepared by James Fletcher, Entomologist and Botanist, and Frank Shutt, Chemist, Dominion Experimental Farms. It contains descriptions and illustrations of many of the most useful and nutritious grasses grown at the Ottawa Experimental Farm, as well as those native grasses now being so successfully cultivated at the Brandon and Indian Head Farms, and is supplemented with a chemical analysis of the different varieties.

Every farmer should have a copy of this pamphlet, as the grasses are bound to play such an important part in the rotation of crops. Timothy does very well in many parts of Manitoba and the N. W. T., but it is quite probable that some of our native grasses will prove, under proper cultivation, much better adapted to our soil and climate.

Fall Fairs.

After enjoying most perfect weather throughout September, a change came with the opening of October and the first 10 days were cold and wet, and this is the time chosen by nearly every Agricultural Society, from the Red River to the Rockies, for holding their Fall Fairs. However, in spite of wet and mud and cold weather, most of the shows have turned out fairly successful; especially is this the case where the people of the district have taken an interest, and not left all the work to the few energetic individuals who wear the badge of office. We regret having been unable to attend every fair, but so many were held on the same date in widely separated districts, that it has been an impossibility, but which might be remedied in future by a little assistance from the Societies.

MANITOU.

The fair at Manitou was one of those at which we found it impossible to be present, but we gather from the report published in the Manitou Mercury that a very successful exhibition was held. The prizes for horses were divided up among the many exhibitors. In Shorthorn cattle R. D. Foley and J. S. Robson shared up all the prizes that were going. Jas. Ritchie was alone in Ayrshires. Wm. Grogan had long-wooled sheep and Peter Fargey short-wooled, while Jas. and Peter Fargey won most of the honors in Berkshires. Dr. Black and J. C. Fleming were the principal exhibitors of poultry. In the grains J. Steplar and Wm. Hasselfield were first and second on Red Fife Wheat, and E. J. Moore on White Oats.

HARTNEY AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The first annual fair held by the Hartney Agricultural Society, on the 12th of October, was a great success, the weather being favorable. The exhibit of horses was very good. In the stallion classes, the two noted horses, Potheath (imp. Clyde) and Balaklava (standard-bred), commanded a good deal of attention. The show of foals was very good, the honors in the horse classes being placed by Dr. Spiers, Virden. The lady drivers competition was keenly contested and drew a crowd. Cattle classes were only meagrely filled, very few pure-breds being owned in this district; grades were out in force, and were of good quality. In sheep and pigs, the competition was fair, Shropshires, Lincolns and Cotswolds in sheep, Berkshires, Tamworths and Chester Whites in pigs, being the different breeds exhibited. J. W. Barter captured the FARMER'S ADVOCATE special with a fine Shropshire ram, as best ram, any age or breed, on the grounds. The inside exhibit was held in Hammond and Lackie's new mill building, and was the feature of the fair. Dairy products were out in force, also grains, competition in these being very keen, this being a noted wheat district. The show of roots and vegetables were very creditable, amply demonstrating a reserve force if needed in stock raising and feeding. Ladies' work, fine arts and domestic manufactures caused a ripple of excitement among the fair sex, who fairly outdid any other part of the show. Public opinion points to two days for our next years show, too much work having to be crowded in for a one-day fair.

CRYSTAL CITY.

The above Society held a very creditable fair on Oct. 12th; the attendance, though not large, was represented by an excellent class of farmers. The horse class was fairly represented, and some good individual specimens shown. In the heavy draft class W. Werry & Sons, Purvis Thompson and Charles Masters were successful competitors. W. Werry & Sons carried off the red ribbon on carriage team; J. Ring, Joseph Rollin, Thos. Cook and Wm. Walton also carried off a share of the honors. H. J. Taylor secured 1st for single driver. Cattle—Shorthorns, aged bull, 1st, Jas. Laidlaw. 2 year old, 1st, W. Werry & Sons; 2nd, John Affleck. Heifer, 2 year old, 1st and 2nd, Hon. Thos. Greenway. J. S. Cochrane and D. Watson were the only exhibitors in the Ayrshire class. A good number of grade cattle were shown. Sheep—The exhibit in the long-wool class was fairly large. H. Cudmore, F. Collins and A. Cudmore were the principal exhibitors. We were pleased to see John Oughton out with a fine flock of registered Shropshires; they were brought out in very good form, and reflect much credit upon him. Swine—The Large Yorkshire and Chester White classes were well represented; the honors were divided between John Oughton, James Lawrence and Hon. Thos. Greenway. Poultry—The competition in this class was good; some excellent birds were shown by Hon. Thos. Greenway, James Lawrence, J. C. Fleming and James Haine. Grain—The exhibit was not large, but some fine samples were brought out; J. J. Ring and John Affleck were the most successful. The exhibit in roots and vegetables was very good, some extra fine specimens being on exhibition. The exhibit of dairy products was also good, and competition in a number of classes keen. Ladies' work and domestic manufacture department evinced that great care had been taken by the ladies for supremacy.

FAIRMEDE.

The second annual show of this Society was held on Oct. 3rd. Mr. McTurk, of Elkhorn, who acted as judge of cattle at this fair, reports the show of stock very good. Some good, useful Shorthorns were shown by Messrs. Kidd, Stirtt and Smith; Mr. Powell's Jerseys were also good. Achison, Galbraith and Millar were the principal exhibitors

of sheep, and some good pigs were shown by Potter and Kidd. The poultry show was fair.

OAK RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The above Society held a very successful fair on September 29th; upwards of 575 entries were forwarded. Many superior horses were shown; among those winning the most premiums are: McIntosh & Son, Jos. Andrew, T. Kidd, H. Gray, W. Smith, G. Vickery, W. J. Cowan, J. M. Wedderborn, Wm. Millar and E. Hunter. Thomas Speers, of Bradwardine, Geo. Rankin and E. Henry were the principal exhibitors of Shorthorn cattle, and very creditable specimens were brought out. C. S. Alwyn had it all his own way in Ayrshires. In long-wool sheep, Messrs. W. Hedley, J. Riddell and T. R. Todd took most of the prizes, and in short-wools W. J. Helliwell, of Oak Lake, captured the bulk of the premiums. Thomas Speers, Jos. Andrew and D. A. Robertson showed some good Berkshires. J. S. Hays had the first prize Red and White Fife Wheat. T. R. Todd also had some good samples; and J. Brown's "Campbell's White Chaff" was 1st; Kahler Bros. were first in both White and Black Oats.

NEEPAWA FAIR.

In spite of most unpleasant weather on the opening day of this fair, before the close of the second day the sun shone out warmly and a fairly good crowd assembled on the large grounds of this Association. The Turf Club having joined the Society a number of races were held, which helped to attract many. The display in the main building was very good in all classes, the ladies' work being especially attractive. The Brandon Experimental Farm had a very tastefully arranged exhibit of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables, with Mr. Robey in charge, who seemed ever ready to answer the many questions put to him. There was a fairly good exhibit of wheat, that of F. O. Harris being considered superior to the others. G. McGregor's exhibit of native grasses and his collection of 62 varieties of potatoes helped very materially in these departments. Owing, doubtless, to the weather and bad roads, the cattle, sheep and swine exhibits were very small. Messrs. Scott and P. Dobb had some very useful Shorthorns. N. F. Hartley and R. Halpenny showed sheep, J. M. Ewens and Joe Montgomery Berkshire pigs. Some fine fowls were shown by W. F. Sirett, D. Munroe, R. Thompson, Wm. McKinnon and Jas. Walker. The largest number of entries was in the general purpose horses, and nearly every prize was keenly contested. Eight teams were in the ring for best general purpose team; that belonging to John Chatwin was placed first, with A. Park's second. D. Munroe got most of the prizes in heavy draughts with his Shire mares and their produce. Much of the success of this show is due to the indefatigable efforts of the worthy president, G. McGregor, and the able body of directors, and they deserve the hearty support of the district. Every farmer should be public spirited enough to be a paid-up member of his district agricultural society.

WHITEWOOD.

The tenth annual show of Whitewood Agricultural Society was held on their grounds, and was a decided success. They have a fine new hall erected for the indoor exhibits. Not many entries were made in the horse class, but some fine animals were shown, a colt shown by the Messrs. Delbridge being well worthy of special mention. There were a few good Holsteins and Shorthorns out; Mr. R. S. Park, who is founding a herd of the former, exhibited a few choice animals, a heifer calf having a remarkably well developed udder for its age. There was not much competition in sheep, pigs or poultry. Grain and roots were very good, and the exhibit in the ladies' department was very interesting, having in addition to the many nice things which usually make up this department, some work done by the children at school, a new departure which might well be copied at all fairs.

WOLSELEY.

The exhibition at Wolseley, on the 5th of Oct., was not as well attended nor as much interest taken in it as we think desirable, but as the weather was somewhat unpleasant some allowance should be made on this account. There was considerable competition in some classes, and the home dairies were well represented, and quite a number of exhibits of domestic origin showed that the ladies of this locality believe in demonstrating their interest in their local agricultural exhibition by action, without which the Wolseley fair would have been nothing to boast of.

CARBERRY.

One of the best and most spirited fall fairs we have had the pleasure of attending was that held at Carberry, on Oct. 13th; and we have no hesitation in saying that to Mr. Geo. Hope, President of the Association, very much of the credit is due. A very neat hall has been erected during the past year, its chief fault being that it is already too small, and from the plan upon which it is built cannot easily be increased in size. Some splendid samples of grain were exhibited; as good a sample of Fife wheat as we ever had seen being the first prize sample at this show. A good show of potatoes and vegetables was also made, and the Brandon Experimental Farm exhibit occupied the centre of the ground floor, and attracted much attention. The poultry exhibit was good, H. K. Zavitz contributing a large share of the winners; S. J. Thompson, V. S., also had some capital poultry. One of the