

Our Western Letter

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advised over and over again to improve their buildings and equipment, but to no purpose. If they will not profit by the advice of men of experience who know what conditions in the way of buildings and equipment are requisite for the making of good cheese and butter, then some means should be taken to compel them to do so. A system of licensing cheese and butter factories judiciously administered under government control seems to be about the best means of doing this. Such a system would be a hardship to no one, while on the other hand it should prove of the greatest advantage to the industry as a whole. It would tend to more uniformity in the quality and flavor of our dairy products and enable the business to be carried on without offending the sense of smell of the traveller in rural districts and endangering the health of the people living in the vicinity of filthy, insanitary cheese factories. The money collected through these fees could be applied to instruction in the factories, so that parties paying the fee of \$15 or \$25 a year as the case may be, would have it returned many times over in the improved product and increased value it would have by being manufactured under the most improved and up-to-date methods.

But a question of this kind involving so radical a measure as the licensing of cheese factories and creameries should receive the fullest and freest discussion, and for which purpose these columns are freely given. Let us hear from you if you have anything to say on this important matter.

The Farming World Tent

The Farming World tent at the Industrial Fair this year will be located at the old stand on the northwest corner of the eastern cattle ring and directly east of the Farmers' Institute tent. The privileges of this tent will be at the disposal of all our friends during the Exhibition, and others who may desire to use it. A supply of pens, ink and paper will be on hand, to which exhibitors are welcomed to use. Call and see us and use the privileges of the tent as often as you may desire. A representative of The Farming World will be in the tent during each day of the fair, who will be pleased to give information in regard to subscriptions, advertising, etc.

The Ottawa Fair

The Ottawa Fair is in full blast this week, and from what we can learn, is likely to be a success, both as to the quality of the exhibits and the number in attendance. The management have shown considerable enterprise, and are deserving of the patronage of all classes. We have arranged for a special report of the Fair, which we hope to have ready for next week's issue, which will be our regular Autumn number.

Six weeks of sunshine, with scarcely a cloudy day or a drop of rain, have advanced the crop so remarkably that the date of cutting is no later than the average. At the present moment wheat harvest is fairly general, everywhere in the Province and in the Territories it will be general by the end of the present week, and there will by that time already be a fair percentage of the crop in stook. Next week will see stacking and threshing under way, and the young men now on the way from the East will reach here at the moment when their services are urgently needed. So much has been said and written on this subject that it would seem impossible to add any further contribution to the mass of facts (and fiction) about the crop, with which we are unceasingly bombarded. Every man, woman and child in the West is now fully convinced that it is going to set the world a standard in the growing of spring wheat.

The summer fairs are now over, and from all quarters comes the same protest at the degradation of the Agricultural Exhibition by the admission of the sporting and circus elements to full partnership. From the Territories the protest is loudest, and if the present progressive administration of the Territorial Department of Agriculture enables us to judge the future we predict that measures will be taken to keep these incongruous elements separated. Moosejaw is one of the honorable exceptions, and it is to be hoped that the example this year set by that thriving town will bear good results, in encouraging other fairs to separate the sporting and agricultural events.

The influx of U. S. farmers, ranchers, visitors and speculators continues with unabated volume. Every train from the south brings its quota of these wideawake neighbors of ours, and if we were to follow them up we should see them make a "bee line" for the land offices. The information they ask is characteristic. They first demand the amount of the annual rainfall, and want to know the figures for twenty years past. As one of these gentlemen remarked to your correspondent, "Frost and hail are an accident, you may get them once in a long time. I'm not afraid of them, they never kill a whole country, but drouth is the very devil." We were glad to be able to tell him that drouth is unknown here.

We hear that Mr. Jas. Yule, who has been manager of Hon. Thos. Greenway's stock farm for many years, has resigned that position. Mr. Yule has shown particularly good judgment, so far as can be seen from the outside, in the man-

agement of this the premier Short-horn herd in the West. His purchases made from the best Eastern herds have always made a good impression here. In the show ring they have also been markedly successful as have their progeny likewise. As manager for Mr. Greenway, Mr. Yule has made a name for himself that will always be a synonym for good and successful work.

Nowhere we believe has the convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association been followed with keener interest than in Western Canada. We have strong views on the question of tariff and it is a remarkable fact that both political parties in Western Canada are believers in free farm implements. A Manufacturers' Association is entirely an Eastern organization, their feeders are in the West, but their heart is in the East, their prosperity may be helpful to Ontario farmers, but they put no money into ours, they sell to us but they buy nothing in exchange. The deal is very much too advantageous for one side to be considered just or reasonable.

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association will send five tons of fruit to the Horticultural Exhibition to be held in Winnipeg on the 28th, 29th and 30th August. The exhibit will be accompanied by the president of the association, Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, and the Chief Inspector of Fruit Pests, R. M. Palmer. The British Columbia people intend capturing this market if energy and push can do it. We understand that an invitation to the Ontario fruit growers to exhibit was met with the reply that at the end of August they will have very little to show. Considerable interest has been excited by the promised exhibit from British Columbia, which will be in itself a fairly large horticultural show.

Fall wheat growing is becoming more and more a live issue in certain sections of Western Canada. In the Province of Manitoba it is a very doubtful problem, indeed there is no one bold enough to predict success. The same may be said of Eastern Assiniboia, but as we go further west, we reach a district where a certain degree of success has rewarded the experimenters, and at several points, notably at Pincher Creek, a record has been made for a succession of successful crops. The farmer who can treat his land early in August is bound to have an advantage in getting his work done at a time when there is otherwise not much doing over the man who must leave all his seeding until spring. More surprising things have been accomplished than the development of a fall wheat area in Alberta would be.