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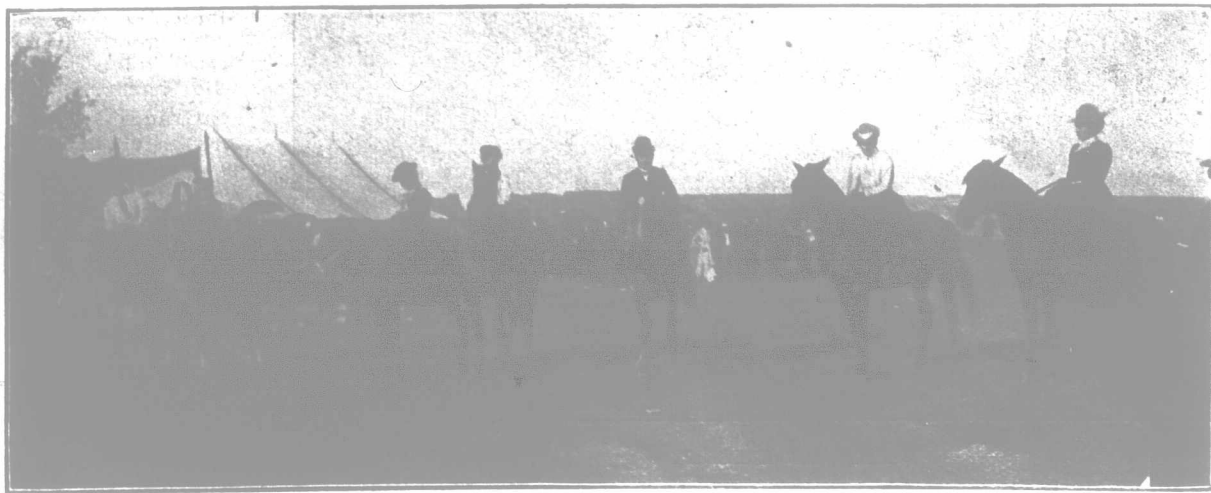
Fort Qu'Appelle Exhibition.

The seventh annual exhibition of the Central Assiniboia Agricultural Society took place at Fort Qu'Appelle, on August 5th and 6th, and was, undoubtedly, one of the very best shows that has been held in the Territories this year. The exhibits were many and of commendable quality. The attendance was good, and the management of the entire exhibition was well up to the mark. This is one of the societies that believes it is better to have one good show than three small ones. The territory from which support is drawn includes, in particular, the district surrounding Ft. Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle Station and Indian Head. Last year, a very successful exhibition was held at the latter place, and next year it will be opened at Qu'Appelle Station. The chief objection found to this system of moving from one corner to another of this triangle is that temporary buildings have to be provided each year. As far as the exhibitors were concerned, however, this year no complaint could be offered, for a long line of sheds constructed of new lumber told of what was expected in the number of live-stock exhibits; nor was anyone disappointed, for the number and quality of the entries in live stock was a credit to any country.

Fort Qu'Appelle, the scene of this year's exhibition, is beautifully situated in the valley of the Qu'Appelle River, about eighteen miles north of Qu'Appelle Station. From every side of this favored hamlet green hills appear to rise in one continuous range, broken only by strathlike gullies, that give it much the appearance of parts of Scotia's land. In the valley, too, and close to the village, lakes of clear water abound, and should an enterprising concern ever decide to connect this beautiful glen by electric line with the C. P. R. main line there is no reason why Ft. Qu'Appelle may not become a most famous summer resort.

HORSES.

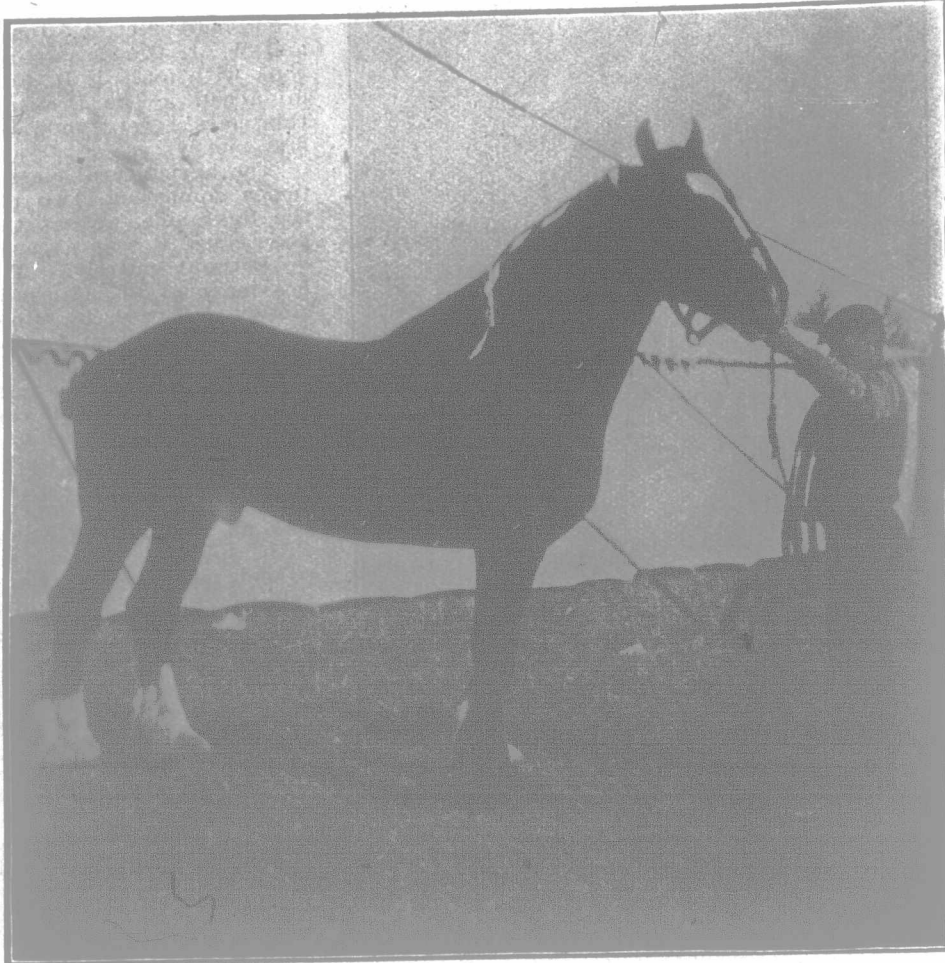
There was a very fair showing of horses of all classes. The call for mature Clyde stallion brought four entries for the consideration of W. W. Fraser, Emerson, who acted as judge. First prize went to Amphion, a big, strong four-year-old, bought a few months ago by the wide-awake Horse Syndicate. Later, this horse got away with sweepstakes for the best heavy draft stallion. Second in this class went to T. H. Barnes, and third to A. E. Wilson. W. Ismond had the only registered Shire stallion. In the other heavy draft classes, the principal exhibitors were W. Ismond, A. Hayward, E. J. Jobson, F. T. Skinner, L. Smidt, A. Donaldson, F. G. Whiting and I. Jackson.



LADY RIDERS AT FORT QU'APPELLE EXHIBITION, AUGUST 6TH, 1903.

In the general-purpose classes, a few fair specimens came forward. The principal exhibitors were N. Welsh, J. E. Jackson, J. Armiston, J. E. Wood, F. Jones, A. Donaldson, F. G. Whiting, W. Ismond, J. Webster and J. E. Johnston.

It was in carriage and roadster pairs that the most competition of the horse show appeared. Under 15½ hands, W. J. McKeircher had a beautiful pair of roadsters of different color, but alike in conformation and style. J. Glenn came a close second with a pair of grand ones, and C. Featherstonhaugh was next. In carriage teams, C. F. Bourns had a very typical pair,



AMPHION.

First-prize three-year-old Clyde stallion, London, 1903, and sweepstakes heavy-draft stallion, Ft. Qu'Appelle Exhibition, August 5 and 6, 1903.

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and secured the red. I. Jackson came second and A. Hamilton third. For single driver under 15.3 hands, J. W. Miller, J. H. Fraser and T. Ormiston stood in the order named. Best carriage single driver found T. Williams and T. Chalmers the winners. In brood mares and fillies, there were a few entries, including some good stock.

CATTLE.

Unlike so many of the smaller exhibitions, there were separate classes for each breed of cattle. This made the judging satisfactory to the judge, W. J. Black, Winnipeg, and to the exhibitors generally. Shorthorns were the strongest class in point of numbers, and some very good quality was shown. In aged bulls, W. White had an animal of rare good character. N. Welch was second and J. Green third. In females, Glenn had a few that for Shorthorn character and general good quality would be hard to beat in most rings, and with these he won all the prizes competed for. The same exhibitor also won the sweepstakes for the best herd of cattle and the Hudson's Bay Co.'s special cup.

Leslie Mals, File Hills, showed a splendid herd of Galloways that were a valuable addition to the show. There was also a splendid lot of grade cattle, including

representatives of both beef and dairy type. A leading feature of the show was the dairy test, in which a number of very nice cows were entered for competition. The method of procedure was to milk the cows at seven o'clock in the evening and at eight the next morning, weighing what each one gave, and testing a sample by the Babcock tester. Mr. L. A. Gibson, Manager Qu'Appelle Creamery, was in charge of the test. First place went to G. Reid, Ft. Qu'Appelle, on an Ayrshire-Shorthorn cross giving 17½ pounds of milk that tested four per cent. fat. F. Leeder came second, his cow giving 14½ pounds milk testing 4.7 per cent. fat. G. Reid had also the third prize, and N. Foster was fourth.

A leading and, indeed, a most interesting feature of the show was the Indian exhibit. At Ft. Qu'Appelle for many years there has been a well-managed industrial school, and the effects of it were plainly seen at this year's show. In live stock, both horses and cattle, the number and quality of their entries was marvellous. Indeed, had much of it competed in the open class, good places would have been secured. There were a few good farm teams that showed both breeding and care. In cattle, the exhibits were grades, but of high quality. One old son of the prairie brought in one of the finest steers that the writer has seen this year. They also showed several yoke of oxen.

In addition to these, in a tent on the grounds there was to be seen other evidences of the civilized red-man's skill. Wheat, oats, barley, roots, and vegetables of good quality ranged round in profusion. Fancy-work from the camp grounds was likewise in evidence, and all together the exhibition bore convincing testimony that education improves the Indian.

In the way of attractions, the directors made no effort to divert attention from the strictly agricultural features, and their policy was rewarded by abundant success. On the grounds, a tent was erected in which guests were entertained to luncheon, and be it said to their credit that few societies know how to treat their judges more hospitably.

Lacombe Fair.

On Thursday, August 20th, the Lacombe Agricultural Society held their tenth annual fair at Lacombe, Alta. The weather was ideal, and the live-stock entries and attendance fair, yet by no means so large as would have been had the former wet weather not delayed haying.

Lacombe is noted as a pure-bred live-stock center, almost, if not quite, the Smithfield of the Territories, yet, withal, the cattle exhibit outside of Shorthorns was very small, nearby herds even not being on the scene. Horses made a very fine showing, and were ably judged by Wm. Moodey, De Winton, Alta., while W. W. Fraser, of Emerson, Man., placed all other live-stock ribbons in a way that gave general satisfaction.

HORSES.

Roadsters and drivers were first called, and in this class T. E. Converse showed the only stallion. Filly or gelding, two years old, made a very fair section with good competition; first, J. Weir Nichol; second, H. M. Metcalf; and third, R. G. Gilmour. The winner of first in the preceding section had the only yearling shown. Single drivers in harness made a good ring, J. B. Harrington, V.S., winning first with a fine animal, second going to J. Grose's entry, a mare showing signs of very good breeding, but getting up in years. B. Y. Williams got third. Pair drivers, 15 hands or over, brought out two teams. J. N. Tice won first with a fine pair; second going to C. Stoddard. Brood mares made an extra strong ring, both in numbers and quality, J. Grose winning first and H. A. Day second and third. With foals, J. W. Nichol had things all his own way, winning first and second with an extra good pair.

General Purpose.—Filly or gelding, two years old, brought out a strong lot of good general-purpose type, first being won by P. Talbot & Son's stylish chestnut, second going to S. W. Paisley, and third to H. M. Metcalf. J. W. Nichol had the only team exhibited. A strong class of brood mares next lined up, about eight in number, and a clean-boned lot they were, Thos. Talbot winning first and third, and S. W. Paisley second. The foals were also good, Thos. Talbot winning first, P. Talbot & Son second, the best foal on the grounds being found in this section, sired by Activity.

Heavy Draft.—Two pure-bred Clydesdale stallions competed in this class. Activity 2438 won first. He was sired by Lord Charming, he by Cedric, by Prince of Wales; dam Evening Star (imp.), tracing to Darnley (222). This clean-limbed, blocky Clyde won first in the three-year-old ring at Calgary Exhibition, July, 1901, also the champion cup donated by the Clydesdale Horse Association, and first and championship at the Territorial Horse Breeders' spring show, held in Calgary in May of the same year. His stock are a fine lot, and show his outstanding breeding. His dam was first at Toronto, 1889, and also winner of firsts in Scotland, besides being the dam of many winners. He is owned by the Lacombe Horse Stock Co., of which J. B. Harrington, V. S., is manager. Second went to Hercules 2559, R. M. Gibson's large, well-coupled bay. This six-year-old was sired by Dandy

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