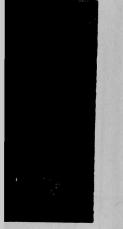
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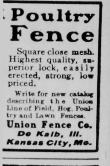
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EDITORIAL

Making the Agricultural Fair a Success

At the convention of the agricultural society the managers of certain of the most successful it merits public support. fairs held in the province last year, explained success was worked out but in a large way, the practice. results attained were traceable to one or two primary reasons. First, an energetic directorate, second, a manager who was a thinker and a worker and third a community warmly enthu- stant work by the executives of the Grain siastic for the success of its local agricultural Growers' Associations of Saskatchewan and institution.

is a little hard to secure. Men are required on of elevators accepted almost unanimously by the board who will serve to the best of their their members and entertained by provincial ability the interests they are elected to serve. premiers as a matter of practical politics. It is to advance the interests of the society, This is a large accomplishment for one year. not to gain a little empty honor from being in an It takes a long time to get a new idea to stick official capacity, that should be the motive in with any class of people and the success of the a manager is not so difficult a task if a society the trade.

visitors attend, perhaps, to be amused, but they are quite as willing to be instructed, providing the facilities on hand for instructing are properly employed and the educational features of the fair emphasized as much as the other features are. There may be some foundation for the charge made against some fairs in this country that the controlling element in them is more concerned in securing for itself the largest share of the prize money offered, than in putting up for the public an educational event that will be worth the public's while, or is convenient for them to take an interest in. This matter those who have greater opportunity. of making the agricultural part of the fairthe educational features-convenient for inspection, is one that is frequently overlooked. The fair's visitors have rights too large to be if the servant is looking for appreciation; and disregarded. No fair can exist without public here is the secret of the public regard for Richard patronage, and its success, other things con- Waugh-he did not look for appreciation. His delegates at the agricultural college last week, sidered, will depend upon the degree to which first object was to get at the truth of a matter.

Delegates to the Agricultural Societies' the methods employed in making these fairs Convention, held recently at the Manitoba the success they were. There were some little Agricultural College, should loose no oppordifferences in the minor details by which tunity to put advanced ideas acquired into

Public Opinion and the Elevators

After a year of stiff campaigning and con-Manitoba, they have had the satisfaction of An energetic directorate, in some districts, seeing their proposal of government ownership

A Tribute to a Good Man

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Western farmers who contributed to the Richard Waugh memorial fund paid a splendid tribute to a man who devoted a large part of his life to public service in behalf of agriculture.

The memorial which this fund purchased (but which is, as yet, not wholly paid for) consists of a portrait in oils of Western Canada's grand old man of agriculture. Upon the walls of the agricultural college this portrait will hang as in the dual capacity, a tribute of those who appreciated his work and an inspiration to

The imputation is often made that the public does not appreciate what its servants do for it, and, to a certain extent, this is true, especially If the public approved, well and good, if not, well, the public could have its own way, but a truth preached would carry its own reward. This is a truism that is not given as much prominence today as it deserves. We are too anxious to say and do the thing that will meet with the most applause, irrespective of the inherent good in it. Place and prominence are not securely attained by appeals to the superficial senses, but by an earnest zeal for whatever is true, pure, and that finds a response in the inner consciousness of our fellows.

This is the lesson that the portrait of Richard Waugh will continually teach to the students and visitors of the Manitoba Agricultural College.

The Peevish Spirit

One of our contemporaries in Alberta disaccepting office in an organization having the propaganda referred to must be due in a great plays a peevish spirit because the FARMER'S aims of an agricultural society. The getting of measure to the demand for an improvement in ADVOCATE was able to discuss the substance of the Pork Commissioner's report before other has selected first of all a directorate that may Having made such substantial progress with papers realized that the report was in the hands be depended upon to do its work. But a the propaganda, we may be assured that during of the Alberta government. Our zeal in the secretary or manager or superintendent or the next few months the country will hear a interests of our readers is resented and this attach just the proper amount of importance

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ERY CO. TORONTO, ONT. whatever the managing official is called, cannot great deal more about the grain growers' raises the question as to what a paper is for. spread himself out sufficiently to be the whole proposal. The assumption is that just as soon We are not content to simply fill so many pages institution, however enthusiastically willing he as the majority of the people decide in favor each week in exchange for \$1.50 per annum. may be to assume the maximum amount of of government ownership the governments will We believe that the editor of a farmers' paper work for the minimum remuneration. He find a way of financing the scheme. Every- should be alert and know what is going on, needs support, assistance and a salary com- thing is staked on the power of public opinion that we should understand the significance mensurate with the work he performs, or if and English history furnishes many an illum- of certain events and should endeavor to not that, then as much as the financial condition inating example of that power.

of the organization will permit of his being paid. Upon this question, each man should form to them. We realized that quite a large num-

Working up enthusiasm and interest locally some opinion. It is the duty of everyone whose ber of our readers were interested in the report in the fair is, in most cases, easy enough. A product it is proposed to affect to give an of the Pork Commission, and we made an effort well-carried on publicity campaign before the intelligent voice when it comes to a final to place before them the substance of that event, and an honest effort to make the function decision. We have a representative govern- report at as early a date as we were able. advertised equal to the expectations suggested ment in our provinces, but there is generally That that date was anterior to the publication to the public mind, enlists promptly the support too much left to a few leaders in certain lines of the report by other papers should not annoy. of the community. To retain and increase that of thought and afterwards, if certain schemes our readers, whose interests we are most support, a fair must offer some attraction to are not successful, censure is meted out to the particular to serve. The moral of all of which visitors other than a side show or two and a few few, whereas responsibility should fall upon the is: Take the paper that can be depended no class racing events. The majority of a fair's majority.

