

**The Western Fair.**

This year the exhibit at this show promises to be the best yet held. The crop prospects were never better, and every detail requisite for a most successful show has been attended to.

Not only in an agricultural aspect does this exhibition rank among the leaders, but also in the live stock, industrial, cheese, butter and art departments. The stock exhibit in former years has been fully up to the standard, and there is no reason to think it will depreciate this year. The industrial part of this show has always been first-class; but this year, on account of the falling through of a number of hitherto prominent fairs, manufacturers must patronize us or lose the advertising which they are so anxious to get. We are informed that already carloads of cheese have been entered, thus assuring a magnificent display in this department. Besides the butter-making contest, which we referred to in our last issue, Prof. H. H. Dean of the dairy department of the Ontario Agricultural College, accompanied by his buttermaker, will give practical instruction in this line of industry to those who may so desire. It has been found necessary by the Association, owing to the largeness of the dairy exhibits, to withdraw them from the agricultural products building, in which they were displayed last year, to the building expressly built for the dairy interest, and in which they are building a large refrigerator compartment, with plate glass front, from the latest designs, which will give visitors a splendid opportunity to inspect the exhibit.

By special arrangement a grand exhibit of fine arts has been secured. Pictures valued at £1,000 sterling will be among the collection.

The management have been busily engaged making improvements to the grounds and buildings, and the extension of the grand stand several hundred feet around the horse ring will meet with the approbation of the immense throng who yearly view the different sights to be seen from this point of vantage.

In order to meet the wishes, not only of the farming community, but of the visitors who attend from the towns and cities of the province, special attractions have been secured. Among them are Wild West show, balloon races and parachute leaps by lady and gentleman, fire engine contest, acrobatic and trapeze work, grand exhibition of rifle and pistol shooting, Edison's phonographs, fireworks, cross-cut sawing match, band concerts, etc., etc.

It has been decided to alter the conditions of the prize list in classes 4 and 5, Carriage and Roadster horses, and allow all stallions in these classes to compete for prizes without being registered, it having been ascertained that the Stud Book has not been made up a sufficient length of time to warrant their former action; and also that in classes 13 and 24, the prize list should read, "cow three years old and over which makes the most butter in a two days' test on the fair grounds."

Vicointe de Langle, De Langle Ranch, White-wood, has some forty-five broncho mares, about thirty two and one-year-old geldings and fillies, and about twenty spring colts. Mr. De Langle is breeding to Shire and Clyde sires.

Mr. P. H. Currie of the same neighborhood owns about 100 mares, and some thirty colts. Mr. Currie is breeding his mares to an imported Clyde horse, Donald Harper, purchased from Mr. from Mr. A. Edmunds, of Brandon. Mr. Currie sold last year the valuable blood horse, Claude-boye.

**Unity is Strength.**

Farmers are frequently heard to complain that they are not properly represented in the Parliaments of Canada. Though the farmers form the great bulk of the electorate all over Canada, few find their way to parliament, while many lawyers, doctors, and merchants are sent to represent them and make laws to govern them. No matter how well disposed these men may be, they are not usually well informed regarding the requirements of the farmers; hence we see the wants of the farmer much neglected, because not understood. If farmers would persistently make their wants known and act as the manufacturers do—stand firmly together—and let the politicians know what they want, and what they must have, and that they mean business, and mean to stand together, then would cease to be heard the complaint that farmers' interests are neglected. When the manufacturers want anything they join hands and send a deputation to the government and make their wants known. They do not go as private individuals, but as representatives of an association which controls many votes; they insist in the name of these many votes that their requests be granted, and for the sake of the many votes they are granted most readily their requests. Until farmers can appeal in the same way their cries are vain. Unity is strength. Unite, debate, and conclude what are for your best interests; then be united and firm in demanding it; throw away all party allegiance, and with all your strength work for the good of yourselves—the farmers. Such a course will bring a blessing to the nation, but will be bitterly opposed by all party politicians, who will slander your efforts in every possible way, but when they see that you are gathering strength will fall in line. The body known as the "Patrons of Industry" are at the present time flourishing in the Province of Ontario. We would advise every farmer to join one or other of the farmers' organizations, and assist in making them as useful as possible. It is a well-known fact that farmers, for many years past, have not been making the money they should for the labor done and capital expended. Farmers themselves must remedy their grievances. As long as they sit still and grumble they will gain nothing, but by mutual efforts they will advance as they ought.

**Agricultural Writers.**

The beautiful stanza from Gray's Elegy:

Full many a gem of purest ray serene  
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;  
Full many a rose is left to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air,

is in few instances better exemplified than in many of our farmers, who, with an advanced knowledge gained by a long experience in their calling, hide their light under a bushel. The farmers institutes are correcting this to a certain extent, affording as they do an opportunity for expression of thought by these men, which, did they imagine was to be printed and distributed to six or seven thousand of their fellows, would be forever unexpressed.

The secretary of the Crystal City Farmers' Institute recently sent to the office of the ADVOCATE a paper on dairying, written by a Mr. James Smith, who would, no doubt, have shrunk from writing an article for an agricultural paper, and who, in all probability, never wrote a line for a paper of any kind in his life. The essay was published, and several readers of the ADVOCATE referred to it as especially valuable. Later two of our best American contemporaries have copied it, and now probably thirty thousand people have read this paper on dairying. Further, each effort improves the writer, and as he writes his thinking powers are at work and new ideas develop. His neighbor, too, stimulated by the effort, and, possibly with a different experience, takes up his pen and relates his experience, and thus a twofold benefit is derived. The ADVOCATE will gladly receive contributions from practical farmers without regard to penmanship, spelling or construction of sentences. The ideas are what we want.

**Manitoba and N. W. T.****Assinibola Along the Line of the C. P. R.**

Grenfell, 280 miles west of Winnipeg, is surrounded by a good mixed farming country. To the southeast of this town, in the neighborhood of the "Weed Hills," is found, probably, as picturesque a district as any in this part of the territories. The acreage of land here under cultivation is increasing. Ladoga wheat has been somewhat extensively sown this year. Among the leading stock owners may be mentioned Col. Lake, of Winmarleigh Grange; Mr. J. S. McDonell, who owns a Shorthorn bull and cow and about sixty head of cattle; Mr. O. P. Skrine, of "Hope Farm," is the owner of some 150 sheep, of which about one-half are of the Shropshire Down breed. Dr. Bush owns the imported Shire stallion Lord Wilton; Messrs. Rowley & Chapman, of "Avenue Farm," own a number of Shorthorn cattle, of which two are bulls of the Waterloo family, a number of grade cattle and about twenty horses; Messrs. Cummings & Co. own the imported thoroughbred stallion Corneille. To the north of the town Mr. N. M. Cummings owns the imported stallion Prince the Eighth, while Mr. Alex. Morrow owns a heavy draught stallion.

Messrs. Albert Switzer and M. Freeman, of Grenfell, have invented an automatic animal trap for the killing of gophers or other small animals. The trap is encased in a cast-iron oblong box, and is worked by an ingenious arrangement of wheels and crank by means of which the animal is impaled by a number of small spears, then ejected bodily, after which the trap resets itself. The motive power is that of a somewhat heavy weight attached to a string supported by two uprights. The number of times which the trap resets itself is determined by the length of supports to which the line is attached. The number of times at which the one now in use resets itself is thirteen. A patent for this invention has been taken out by the inventors for the United States, and they have also applied for one for Canada.

The Wolseley Agricultural Society, of good standing, financially and numerically, have purchased fifteen acres for exhibition purposes, and contemplate erecting a suitable building thereon.

Some six miles to the northeast of Wolseley is the Conmee Farm, owned by James Conmee, Esq., M. L. A., Port Arthur. This farm is under the management of Mr. M. McLelland. It consists of about 4,000 acres of land, about 2,800 acres of which is broken, the remainder consisting of wood, pasture and hay lands. About 400 acres are under crop this season—wheat, 280 acres, the remainder of oats and barley. About 2,800 bushels of barley were raised on this farm last year, being 30 bushels to the acre sown. There are 48 head of cattle, some 27 head of horses, and 70 pigs. The farm is well stocked with machinery. Employment is found during the summer for some 15 or 16 men. A carload of stock is regularly shipped from the farm to Port Arthur in the fall of the year. Mr. McLelland purposes working chiefly in the direction of stock raising.

A few miles to the north of Wolseley, Ellisboro post office and store is very prettily situated in the valley of the Qu'Appelle River. The Pheas-