

FAT STOCK SHOW NOW IN FULL SWING

Numerous Entries--Breeder Organize a Winter Fair Board--President Sinton Gives Interesting Address--Distinct Associations for Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Swine.

The fourth annual fat stock show opened at the exhibition grounds yesterday. The forenoon was devoted to getting the animals placed.

The show this year shows an improvement over former years and is an indication of the interest taken by the stockmen.

In the afternoon there were demonstrations in judging cattle, swine and horses.

Prof. Gammitz of the Minnesota agricultural college dealt with cattle. Prof. Peters, professor of Animal Husbandry of Manitoba college, dealt with swine.

ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders' Association was held last evening in the police court at the city hall.

Robert Sinton, president, occupied the chair, and read an interesting address, which was as follows:

Gentlemen,--It gives me sincere pleasure indeed to meet and welcome you to the fourth annual meeting of our Association.

From the standpoint of the agriculturist the year 1908 has been remarkable for the rapid recovery made by the province from the effects of the depression of 1907 caused by the crop of that year having been frost-killed in many parts of the province.

It cannot close without calling to memory with the deepest regret the untimely death last June of the late A. P. Ketchum, deputy commissioner of agriculture.

As an official of the government he will long be remembered as a man of sterling qualities and his kind and gentlemanly interests in our association will long be appreciated and his memory cherished and revered by all concerned.

FINANCES The secretary read the financial statement which showed the receipts for the year from all sources \$3,970.84. There was a balance on hand at the end of the year of \$359.38.

WINTER FAIR BOARD. The committee appointed to bring in a report on the advisability of forming a winter fair board did so as follows:

Mr. President and Members of the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders' Association,--We, the members of the special committee appointed at the last annual meeting to inquire into the wisdom of organizing a Winter Fair Board, beg leave to report that we have gone thoroughly into this matter and, as a result of our investigations, recommend:

(1) That it is in every way desirable that a winter fair board be organized.

(2) That for best results such a board should consist of representative breeders of the different classes of live stock.

(3) That these members can best be selected by Associations representing breeders of the different classes of animals.

(4) In order to bring about this condition, it is considered advisable to form, instead of one general association (Saskatchewan Stock Breeders' Association), four separate associations, a Horse Breeders' Association, a Cattle Breeders' Association, a Sheep Breeders' Association and a Swine Breeders' Association.

(5) That such re-organization take place immediately, and that the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders' Association be taken over by the winter fair board as soon as all business in connection with the fat stock show, horse show and cattle sale is settled.

(6) That provision be made to give the Poultry Association representation as soon as they decide to hold the poultry show in connection with the winter fair.

(7) That an admission fee be charged all who are not members of any of the associations.

(8) That the executive committee of the winter fair board consist of-- The president of the Horse Breeders' Association. The president of the Cattle Breeders' Association. The president of the Swine Breeders' Association. The president of the Sheep Breeders' Association. The professor of animal husbandry of the agricultural college, as soon as the latter is formed.

A representative from the city council. The president of the Saskatchewan Poultry Association, as soon as they decide to amalgamate with the other associations in holding the winter fair.

(9) That the directors of the winter fair board consist of the executive committee and the vice president of each association affiliated.

In cattle, sheep and swine the situation is very different as the export figures indicate. The supply is much greater than the home market demands and the number keeps on increasing from year to year.

At the same time the province pays out annually for cured and preserved meats, approximately \$1,500,000, nearly all of which is brought in from other parts. The establishment of packing and curing plants within the province with the object of supplying the home market with cured and preserved meats and at the same time strengthening market conditions is a question that must very soon receive the earnest attention of the stock breeders of Saskatchewan.

These relations to the live stock industry, that the milling concerns bear to the grain interests of the country where they exist, and they also have the same regulating and steadying effect on the market.

The stock growers of some of our sister provinces similarly situated to ours are taking active measures along the lines suggested. In view of the increasing importance of the live stock industry in Saskatchewan and the possibility of greater development as the years go by, I would earnestly advise the representatives of the different classes of live animals within the province to organize under the head of their own particular line of live stock. There is no doubt that the live stock interests of the province would be much better served in this way from now on than they can possibly be under one association as at present.

The following list of candidates for the election of a bishop in the Athabasca diocese is published in the Winnipeg Free Press. In the case of diocese where there are six or more self-supporting parishes the election of a bishop is made by the diocese itself, but in purely missionary diocese the method which will be followed in the case of the two vacant fields mentioned, obtains. An election requires a majority of both houses for one candidate.

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RUTHERFORD SUSTAINED Elections in Alberta on Monday Result in Almost a Clean Sweep for Government--R. B. Bennett Elected in Calgary.

Edmonton, March 23.--The general elections held throughout the province of Alberta yesterday resulted, as was expected, in an easy victory for the Rutherford government which according to the best figures available, will face the next legislature with a majority of 28. The result of the polling gives the Liberals 33 seats, including nine by acclamation, the Conservatives 5 seats and the Socialists 1. In two constituencies elections will be held later.

Edmonton returns two Liberals, Hon. G. W. Cross and John McDougall; while Calgary's representation is split, the members for the city being Hon. W. H. Cushing, Liberal, and R. B. Bennett, Conservative. Several seats are still in doubt.

In Edmonton Cross headed the poll by a majority of 334 over McDougall and a majority of 4,816 over A. E. Ewing, the Conservative candidate who saves his deposit by 253 votes. John Galbraith, independent candidate, loses his deposit. McDougall's majority over Ewing is 1,341. The figures are: Cross, 3,269; McDougall, 2,935; Ewing, 1,594; Galbraith, 318.

In no poll did Ewing receive a majority.

In the outlying polls and here the German and Rutherford vote is strong. Ewing's vote was unexpectedly much below the Liberals.

Nearly 5,000 voters cast their ballots at the 33 polls as against 1,540 in 1905. The majorities are somewhat of a surprise as it was expected that Ewing would give Cross a close run. The general expectation was that McDougall would head the polls by a big majority.

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Two important events in eastern church circles will also take place next month. The house of bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Canada will gather in Toronto on April 26, to elect a metropolitan for that province, a position which was left vacant by the death of Archbishop of Toronto some months ago. It is also probable that Archbishop Matheson will call together the bishops of the general synod on the same date for the election of a primate for all Canada. This office was also filled by the late Archbishop Sweetman.

TO ELECT TWO BISHOPS Bishops for the Missionary Diocese of Athabasca and Mooseonee Will Probably Be Elected at a Meeting in Winnipeg in April.

The long vacant bishoprics of the missionary diocese of Athabasca and Mooseonee will in all probability be again under the jurisdiction of elected bishops by the middle of next month, Archbishop Matheson having called together the house of Bishops for the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land, and Archbishop Fortin the standing committee of the house of delegates, to meet at St. John's cathedral, Winnipeg, on April 15, to elect bishops for these diocese, says the Winnipeg Free Press.

In the case of diocese where there are six or more self-supporting parishes the election of a bishop is made by the diocese itself, but in purely missionary diocese the method which will be followed in the case of the two vacant fields mentioned, obtains. An election requires a majority of both houses for one candidate.

The Athabasca bishopric was left vacant by the death of Bishop Young in England some years ago, and was administered under commission from Archbishop Matheson by Bishop Reeve, and upon the departure of the latter for Toronto, under commission by Bishop Holmes of Mooseonee, who has since resigned leaving both bishoprics vacant. Bishop Holmes is now in England owing to falling health, but is expected to be present at the meeting next month. The likely candidates for the two positions have not as yet been announced.