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GRENFELL ANNUAL SEED FAIR

On November 16 and 17, Grenfell held its annual seed fair and poultry show. The Grenfell Agricultural Society is one of the most progressive of its kind in the province of Saskatchewan, and perhaps one of the most progressive in Western Canada; at least all of its undertakings are most successful, and this much must be said of its seed fair this year. The undertakings of the association are of a varied nature. It was the Grenfell society that won in the competition for the best grain display at Regina exhibition. It was the same society that first began the alfalfa competition and to-day it is the society that holds each year a very successful farmers' banquet. The time of this annual banquet means a big day for Grenfell, the event of the season. And so it was this year. Over four hundred persons were in attendance, largely farmers and their wives. His honor Lieutenant-Governor Brown, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, were distinguished guests. Both these gentlemen are intimately connected with agriculture, and both paid much tribute to the work carried on by the Grenfell Agricultural Society. John Nicholls, president of the association, is the guiding hand that shapes so well the work accomplished. His ability and enterprise permeates the society. John Walker, the secretary-treasurer, is his lieutenant in the work. A staunch directorate supports them. The seed fair and poultry show was a two days' affair. Considering it was a local show the exhibits were large, both in grain and poultry. The grain judges were: A. F. Mantle and J. A. Mooney, Regina, and J. Scarff, of Hartney. J. Potts made the awards in the poultry classes.

Some fine samples of wheat were on exhibition, for the wheat entry was the largest found in the grain classes. In the ten-bushel lots the competitors had to compete with the same grain in the standing field competition. Mr. Mooney stated after the judging was over that the scores in both instances were practically the same as regards the standards for purity. Many contend that it is impossible to judge standing fields of grain and score them as to purity from noxious weeds; but, peculiar to say, in this instance, without any individual knowledge of the scoring done for the standing fields of grain, the scores as regards purity were practically the same.

The winners in the ten-bushel lot were: J. R. Reeve, of Grenfell; 2, Harry Welsh; 3, A. Switzer; 4, J. S. Chambers; 5, E. Adams.

In the class for any variety, two-bushel lots: 1, J. Mitchell; 2, J. R. Reeve; 3, H. Welsh.

For oats, ten-bushel lots: 1, A. Switzer; 2, Phillip Leach; 3, Henry Welsh.

In the two-bushel lots of oats the winners stood the same as in the ten-bushel competition.

For barley, F. J. Dash, was the winner, and J. Mitchell, second.

The display of roots was quite noticeable. The judges remarked that the potatoes were of an abnormal size and not practical for cooking. There was a fine entry of turnips and mangels exhibited by J. Mitchell. The prize given in the open class for best collection of turnips was won by Wm. Welsh, with Jno. Mitchell and Geo. Harrison, second and third.

The poultry show was a new feature. A number of poultrymen from about Grenfell exhibited birds. Levi Thompson, of Wolsley, was a strong exhibitor. W. Wilde, Broadview, exhibited light Brahmas, White Leghorns, Black Minorcas and Barred Rocks. This latter exhibitor perhaps had out the largest entries, and his birds captured many of the winning tickets. The cup presented by the Bank of Hamilton, for best dressed poultry, was won by Mrs. G. Williams.

Perhaps the banquet held in the evening of the last day of the show was the most successful of any yet held by the association. Great care had been taken in the preparation of this annual dinner and good fare was tendered over four hundred persons who sat down. Lieutenant-Governor Brown and Hon. W. R. Motherwell were the principal speakers. The former speaker said, he

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