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**\$5,000.00 IN PRIZES AT REGINA WINTER FAIR**

The prize list of the Saskatchewan Provincial Winter Fair to be held in Regina, March 11 to 14, 1913, has been received, and as many of our readers are interested in this great live stock and educational show, we give the following summary of the most important changes in the list: (1) Sections are added in the open Clydesdale class for both yield mares over three years old and for three year old fillies; (2) Sections are added in the Canadian bred Clydesdale class both for yield mares over three years old and for three year old fillies; (3) Sections are added for Percheron four year old stallions, yield mares over three years old and for three year old fillies; (4) A separate class is made for Belgians and a new section added for yield mares; (5) A class is added for carcasses of beef cattle with two sections; (6) Four sections have been added to each class for pure breed sheep, making classes of seven sections each; (7) Grade sheep class divided into two classes with four sections in each class; (8) A class is added for pens of five lambs from western range ewes purchased through the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' association; (9) A class is added for sheep carcasses with sections for both pure-bred and grades; (10) A section is added to each class for swine giving separate sections for barrows of 1912 and for sows of 1912; (11) A class is added for pens of three bacon hogs, pure-bred or grade; (12) Class added for pure-bred or grade swine carcasses; (13) Two sections are added to judging competition. In each of these many new sections there are from three to six cash prizes. Taking the Prize List as a whole there are 130 sections and 500 prizes for animals of various ages and both sexes in all the principal breeds of horses, beef cattle, sheep and swine.

A large sum of money is being expended by the City Council to make the stables and judging pavilion inviting for both exhibits and visitors even though the weather should be very cold. Exhibitors may rest assured that every attention will be paid to their needs during the Fair to the end that their animals on exhibition may be as comfortable as in the home stables.

Prize Lists and other information about the Fair may be secured from the Manager, D. T. Elderkin, 101 Donahue Block, Regina.

**FARMERS' MARKET PLACE  
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If you have seed grain, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, farm machinery, land or cordwood to sell and to buy, let the rest of The Guide readers know about it by advertising on this page. See pages 16 and 17.

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Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly,  
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

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The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Nor-West Farmer.

## Early Maturity Essential in the West

Our Western farmers and gardeners are now alive to the fact that if the crop producing power of our soils is to be kept up, they must not only practice more thorough cultivation but they must also return, in some way, to the soil the plant food ingredients removed by the more or less continuous cropping. Many of our farmers and gardeners have proved by experiment that a profitable increase in crop can be obtained by a judicious application of commercial fertilizers.

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Rates for classified advertisements may be seen on the classified page. Display rates may be had on application.

Change of advertising copy and new matter must reach us seven days in advance of publication to ensure insertion.

### WAR AND FINANCE

One significant sequel to the Turko-Balkan war, whose fate hangs in the balance in St. James Palace this week, is the announcement by The Economist to large financial corporations that investments of some \$400,000,000 will soon be asked to cover the cost of the war. In other words, the countries waging war, having spent their money in truly riotous living, are now seeking to recoup their fortunes by recourse to the money lender. Hardly less than the effect of the conflict itself upon the nations involved, is the aftermath of financial bondage into which they are plunged. It simply means that after the fighter has had his way, and has won or lost, the financier reaps the reward of interest.

David Starr Jordan has splendidly brought out the financial side of war in The Unseen Empire. He has shown that one great effect of international struggle has been to precipitate the combatants into the net of the money lender. So much so has this been that the nations of the world are to-day under mortgage to a few financiers. Practically every nation is involved to such an extent as to make national freedom more or less of a misnomer. It is at least no more real than that of the Western farm homestead, nominally owned by the occupant, but subject to a mortgage which cannot be met.

This side of war requires more study than has ever been given to it. As the prevention of war is nobler, and much more practical, than the preparation for war, it will be well to see that behind the belligerents in any international quarrel may be those whose interests will be served by strife, and for whom the aftermath of profit may be an incentive to persuasion. As the wealth of the world increases and accumulates requiring additional investments, there must be a guard put upon the actions of those who would regard war debts as a satisfactory solution of a problem which peace could not so profitably supply.—Ottawa Citizen.

### GERMANY'S ANSWER TO CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The first German answer to the Canadian gift of dread-noughts to the empire was announced when it was declared that the German government has decided to include a supplementary clause in the military estimates asking for \$5,000,000 to provide for an increase in the number of German airships.

This will be the beginning of the great Zeppelin air fleet, which is being demanded in influential quarters.

The supplementary estimates will be introduced into the reichstag some time this month, and should their reception prove favorable, further sums will be asked for, as well as a provision for manning the airships.

It is becoming more and more evident that the leading German authorities have reached the conclusion that any suggestion to increase the naval armaments would be unpopular just now, while, on the other hand, a proposal to further the creation of a powerful air fleet at whatever cost, would command a large majority in the reichstag.

It is interesting to note that work has already been begun on the construction in the neighborhood of Copenhavn, of a great airship station to cost \$400,000.

The British-German airship is provided with two six-cylinder Maybach motors of 160 horsepower each. It is reported that, at its first trial, it attained a speed of 42.4 miles per hour; it can lift 6,600 pounds, besides its own weight. It is propelled by two four-bladed steel propellers.