

Manitoba Turf Club.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Association held their annual summer meeting on the 1st, 3rd and 4th of July. The success of the meeting was somewhat interfered with by heavy rains, which prevented the races set down for the second of July taking place that day and making the 1st of July rather unpleasant, and the racing not as exciting as it otherwise would have been. Below is a summary of the events as the horses were placed in the different heats :-

Three minute Trot—Purse, \$250.	
Billy Brown, br. g. (Wm. Green).....	1 1 1
Avon Girl, b. m. (Cable & Scott).....	2 3 2
Jean Baptiste, b. g. (D. D. Doyle).....	3 2 3
Time—2.55 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.53 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.54 $\frac{1}{4}$.	
Half-mile pony race—Purse, \$250.	
Effie, b. m. (J. L. Marley).....	1 1 1
Paddy, g. g. (J. Laplont).....	2 3 2
Billy, b. g. (J. Riley).....	3 3 3
Time—59, 1.0 $\frac{1}{2}$.	
Free for all—Trot and Pace. Purse, \$600.	
Ben Star, b. g. (L. C. Tatro).....	1 1 1
Little Joe, b. g. (Wm. Bell).....	2 2 2
Little Jim, b. g. (Wm. Greer).....	3 3 3
Time—2.42 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.51, 3.09 $\frac{1}{4}$.	
Named Race—Running half mile heats. Purse—Cup to first, suit of horse clothing to second, and bridle and whip to third.	
Dick, blk. g. (Mr. Sprado).....	2 1 1
Harkaway, ch. g. (R. W. Patterson).....	1 2 2
Dane, ch. g. (W. M. Fisher).....	5 3
Time—1.02, 1.05, 1.06.	
2.45 Trot and Pace. Purse, \$500.	
Jim Carr, ch. g. (Jas. Carr).....	1 4 1 1
Raoa, cr. g. (G. M. Webb).....	3 1 2 2
St. Patrick, blk. g. (R. McCully).....	2 3 3 3
Time—2.44 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.44 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.48, 2.46.	
Three-quarter Mile Dash. Purse, \$300	
Dan C, b. g. (H. Benallack).....	1
Thankful, br. m. (Cable & Scott).....	2
Souris Girl, b. m. (S. P. A. Cartwright).....	3
Time— $\frac{1}{4}$, 28 $\frac{3}{4}$; $\frac{1}{2}$, 57 $\frac{3}{4}$; $\frac{3}{4}$, 1.27 $\frac{3}{4}$.	
Named Trot. Purse, \$200.	
Blucher, ch. g. (Wm. Bany).....	1 1 1
McGregor Boy, b. g. (Jno. Moyes).....	2 3 2
Jean Baptiste (D. D. Doyle).....	3 2 3
Time—2.51 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2.57 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.53 $\frac{1}{4}$.	
Half-mile Heats, Ponies—catch weights. Horses weights up. Purse, \$150.	
Paddy, g. g. (Jno. Laplont).....	4 1 1
Harkaway, ch. g. (R. W. Patterson).....	1 3 2
Buckshot, cr. g. (S. Breeze).....	2 2
Time—57, 58, 56.	
2.37 Class—Trotting. Purse, \$350.	
Ray George, b. g. (J. J. McRobie).....	4 2 4 1 1 1
Billy Brown, br. g. (Wm. Greer).....	1 1 3 3 2 2
Grey Tom, g. g. (Wm. Bell).....	2 3 1 2 dis.
Brown Jack, br. g. (J. P. Fogarty).....	3 4 2 4 dis.
Time—2.45, 2.44 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.42, 2.42, 2.43 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2.44.	
Three-quarter Mile Dash. \$50 to each quarter.	
Dan C, b. g. (H. Benallack).....	1st to $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$
Thankful, b. m. (Cable & Scott).....	1st to $\frac{1}{4}$
Time— $\frac{1}{4}$, .20; $\frac{1}{2}$, .58; $\frac{3}{4}$, 1.25.	
Three-quarter Mile Dash—Gentlemen riders.	
Cup to first; saddle to second.	
Dick, blk. g. (F. W. Sprado).....	1st
Archie, blk. g. (C. P. Braithwaite).....	2nd
Time—1.34 $\frac{1}{4}$.	
Little Joe, b. g., to beat 2.33.	
Time.....	1 1 1
Joe.....	2 2 2
Best time—2.34 $\frac{1}{4}$	

The Moosomin Agricultural Society is building an elevator this summer which they purpose having completed in time for the season's crop.

The Spring Creek cheese factory, the property of the Spring Creek Cheese Co., and situated a few miles south of Moosomin, Assa., began the manufacture of cheese on the 8th day of June, having 2,870 lbs. of milk the first day. The average for the first week was 3,500 per day. The average on the 18th of June was about 4,000 per day, and every 100 lbs. of milk was producing eleven pounds of cheese per 100 lbs. of milk. This is a grand record for any factory, and the venture should prove a success in the locality.

The Brandon Summer Fair.

The fair held on July 22nd and 23rd has excelled those previously held at that place. The gate receipts, which are the true test of the numbers of visitors that attended at this year's fair, were double those of preceding years. The exhibits in horses, both light and heavy, was exceedingly good, as also those in the cattle classes, including Shorthorns, Holsteins and Polled Angus. Among the successful winners in the Shorthorn classes were:—W. S. Lister, Middlechurch; John E. Smith, Brandon; Simson & Forsyth.

Berkshires were a good class, in which Shanks Bros. & Spiers were the principal exhibitors. Colquhoun was first in Clydes, and W. S. Lister, second. In Shires, J. D. Macgregor & Co. were first; McCaig, second. We hope to give full report of prize list in next issue.

The dairy department was fairly well filled. Prof. Robertson gave an interesting address. His assistants, Messrs. Whitley & McEwen, also made short but interesting speeches.

A meeting of the members of the Association was held immediately after, to elect a director to represent the Brandon Association at the Winnipeg Board. J. W. Bartlett, of the ADVOCATE, was elected.

THE CATTLE BREEDERS' MEETING.

On the first evening of the Fair the cattle breeders met at Brandon. The following officers were elected:—President, John S. Robson; Vice-President, Robert Hall; 2nd Vice, Daniel Boissevain; Sec.-Treas., W. S. Lister; Directors, Donald Stuart, James McLenaghan, Geo. Steel, W. H. Acton, J. W. Shanks, Walter Lynch, W. J. Hilliwell, Jas. Glennie, John Sharman, Leslie Smith. They now have a membership of forty-four, with sixty-five dollars in the treasurer's hands. A committee was appointed to endeavor to secure better terms for transportation of stock to local shows. The president was elected a director of the Winnipeg exhibition after the term of the present representation expires. A meeting is talked of for the Winnipeg exhibition.

MANITOBA CENTRAL FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

At the suggestion of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE a meeting of delegates from the various local farmers' institutes in the province was arranged for by the directors of the Brandon Summer Fair and that paper jointly. The meeting was held in the City Hall, Brandon, on the next day after the Summer Fair. Almost every institute was represented, and the meeting was in every way a success. The following Officers were elected:—President, James Elder, Virden; Vice-President, Charles Braitwaite, Portage; Sec.-Treas., J. W. Bartlett, editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE, Winnipeg; Directors, Darrock, Minnedosa; Nichol, Brandon; Smith, Wawanessa; Dunlop, Killarney; Templeton, Shoal Lake; Auditor, Rev. W. Hale, Minnedosa. Various matters of interest were discussed and the meeting was addressed by Prof. Robertson, of the Ottawa Experimental Station, Mr. Bedford and Mr. Waugh. Full details of the meeting will be given next month.

Mr. Robert Houston, of Starbuck, made the ADVOCATE a pleasant call one day last month. Mr. Houston is a believer in good stock and good feeding, and insists that a sire must have individual merit and a good pedigree.

Poultry Notes for August.

August is one of the most trying months in the year to young poultry. The excessive heat is trying of itself, and the great number of parasites developed by it renders life a burden to the chicks unless steps are taken to mitigate their sufferings. Some kind of shade is absolutely indispensable, and if care has not been taken to plant sunflowers or some other plant to afford it, a low shed, twelve to twenty inches high, should be made of boards or boughs. There is no excuse for allowing the chicks to pant in the hot sun, when half an hour at most would furnish them shade. Lice, which multiply rapidly in hot weather, are not so easily overcome. The papers are full of advice as to killing of vermin on poultry, some timely and some of no use whatever. Coal oil is frequently recommended for this purpose, but the circumstances under which coal oil should be applied to the feathers or flesh of a fowl are very rare indeed. It is better to use coal oil on the perches than not to use anything, but a solution of crude carbolic acid is much more effective as an insecticide, and is a valuable disinfectant. The louse that causes trouble with the birds during this month, as well as the one following, is not found on the body of the hen or chick in the day time, but in the cracks and crevices around perches. In the night, however, he gets his work in to such an extent, that if crushed early in the following day he leaves a spot of blood. Many of our poultrymen and farmers say they never saw this creature, and that they are not troubled with them. There are few poultry houses in August that do not contain them, and if the proprietor never saw them, it is because he did not know where to look for them, or else had no eyes to see with. There is probably not one poultry house in Manitoba to-day that has not more or less of them hidden away in the cracks and crevices. Carbolic acid is death to parasite life, as well as to fungi, and a thorough application of one-sixth of a pint to a gallon of water will destroy myriads of them in the ordinary hen house. Thorough work is necessary, as they multiply with great rapidity, and one week seems long enough to multiply into millions a very few of the insects. Turn over the perches where they rest on the cleats or cross bars, and a dark red spot will be found, and if disturbed it will be found to scatter in all directions. Many are misled in this way, and pass them by without realizing what they are. Be very careful, therefore, to investigate carefully every dark red spot on the under side of the perches, and see whether it is alive or not.

A very good thing to have about the stable at this time of year is a solution of carbolic acid. If the horses have sore backs or sore necks, put a little of it on with a sponge, and then about twenty minutes afterward put on a little vaseline. The acid cleanses the sore and keeps away the flies. The vaseline is cooling and healing. Keep the acid well corked and labelled poison.

Watch the feet of the horses. Let them go barefoot as much as possible, at least change their shoes frequently. Endeavor to know enough concerning the horse's foot and its care to keep out of the hands of bungling blacksmiths. Study how to tend and shape the hoofs of the colt. A fine bodied and fine spirited horse may have a bungling gait or lack of endurance from bad feet that will hurt his value very materially; too often it is all the owner's fault.