

Poland China classes for barrow or sow weighing not less than 175 pounds, or more than 225 pounds, there were only two entries shown, Jas. Stowe and Sons, of Davidson, capturing both prizes.

#### Clydesdale Champions

Thursday was probably the most popular at the winter fair, when the judging of the Clydesdales drew a goodly crowd to the auditorium. There is no doubt that the Clydesdale is firmly established in favor among the farming community. The exhibits, both in number and quality, were better than any other year.

There was an exceptionally fine showing for stallions foaled in 1907, and no less than seventeen went into the ring. The judge was Mr. Robert Ness, Sr., of Howick, Quebec, a well known importer of Clydesdales. He awarded the first prize to W. H. Bryce, of Arcola, with "Revelant's Heir." The class for four-year-olds or over brought out three entries, but they were three good ones. The first award went to Traynor Bros., Condie, Maycross. Section 7 for fillies foaled in 1907 brought out five, Traynor Bros. again winning with Mona's Queen. R. H. Miller, of Lumsden, won first in Section 8 for fillies foaled in 1908 with Sturdy Rose, and in Section 9 for fillies foaled in 1909 the winners were P. M. Bredt and Sons with Firene.

#### Percheron Prize Winners

Messrs. Colquhoun and Beatty, of Brandon, were awarded the first prize for the best Percheron stallion of any age, and the prize for the best Canadian-bred Percheron mare, any age, was won by W. E. and R. C. Upper, of North Portal. Special A for the best American-bred stallion, any age, was won by Colquhoun and Beatty. Special B for the best American-bred mare, any age, 1 and 2 to W. E. and R. C. Upper. Special C champion stallion, open class, Colquhoun and Beatty. Special D, champion mares, open class, 1 and 2, H. C. Hutchins, Keeler.

There was glorious weather on Friday, the final day of the fair and the following were the awards in horse judging:

Class 1, section 1, in Clydesdales, for stallion foaled previous to January 1, 1906, 1, Traynor Bros., Condie, Royal Choice.

Section 2, for four-year-old stallions, brought out five, 1, Robert Sinton, Regina, Lord Paget.

Section 4, for stallions foaled in 1908, 1, A. and G. Mutch, Lumsden, Pride of Barmeal.

Section 5, for stallions foaled in 1909, 1, A. and G. Mutch, Lumsden, MacNaughton.

#### Clydesdale Specials

Clydesdale specials resulted as follows: Section 10, best three Clydesdales, male or female, any age, owned by one man and get of one sire, prize, Kings hotel cup. This was won by Robert Sinton, with three imported Everlasting colts.

Section 11—Best Clydesdale mare and two of her progeny. Progeny must have been foaled in Saskatchewan. In this section P. M. Bredt & Sons, Edenwald, were the only exhibitors, but the string which they brought into the ring was one of which any man might feel justly proud. They consisted of mare Irene, the two-year-old colt Choice of Edenwald, by Choice Descent, Trene and yearling filly Firene by Baron Kerr.

Section 14—Best stallion, any age, bred in Canada, won by F. Y. Hassard, Deloraine, with McCameron, the horse that won the same class in Brandon.

#### Clydesdale Prize

Section 15—Best female, any age, for gold medal presented by Clydesdale Association of Great Britain and Ireland, brought out Traynor Bros. Mayoress and Mona's Queen, T. H. Miller's Sturdy Rose and P. M. Bredt and Sons' Firene. The judge selected Mayoress for the championship.

Section 16—For the best female, any age, bred in Canada was won by P. M. Bredt and Sons with Irene.

#### Poultry Awards

Lieut.-Governor's cup, best breeding pen of Plymouth Rocks—First, H. H. Willis, Boharm.

Grand challenge cup, best Buff Orpington cock—First, Mrs. G. S. Page, Moosomin.

Seymour Green cup, best pen of any variety—George Wood, Holland, Man. Moosomin challenge shield, best cock-

and three pullets of any one variety—W. H. Gee, Regina.

Regina challenge cup, best male and three females in Wyandottes—T. A. McInnis, Regina.

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#### CANADA'S GERMAN TRADE

A number of those who are interested in German-Canadian business relations have established in Berlin a "Canada House." The purpose of this is to provide a central information bureau concerning all things Canadian; to distribute literature which will be translated here into German if desired—relating to the various provinces, cities and towns of Canada; to make known the agricultural, industrial and other conditions and to call attention to the business opportunities offered and to the enterprises established or in contemplation; to furnish moreover a medium for trade inquiries between the two countries. Statistical and other information relative to the German market for Canadian products will be prepared and from time to time sent out. Many of the Canadian official publications, as well as trade journals, will be kept for purposes of general reference, and visiting Canadians are invited to make use of the facilities offered. It will be a Canadian publicity bureau, in the widest sense of the word, and will assist in establishing business connections and in promoting commercial intercourse between Canada and Germany. A permanent exhibition, on a small scale, of the principal Canadian products, with a display of photographs and other views, forms part of the plan.

On the first of this month a provisional arrangement went into effect under which the Canadian surtax upon German goods is removed and the most important Canadian products are admitted into Germany under the rates of the German

building can be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Mr. Atwood declares that the line will be completed to Churchill in two years. "The people need not worry," he said, "We have come to build the road and we will do it. We have plenty of capital and there will be no delay." The company is composed wholly of British capitalists and the charter under which they were working was granted twenty-one months ago and renewed a year ago. The company is known as the Hudson Bay and Pacific Company. A. J. Spicer, London, England, the chief promoter, who owns fifty per cent. of the capital invested, has left England and is now on his way to Prince Albert.

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#### EIGHTEEN STREAMS OF MOLTEN LAVA

Thousands of people, rendered homeless by the new eruption of Mount Etna, which bids fair to be the most destructive of modern times, are fleeing toward Catania, the scene rivaling that of fifteen months ago, when that city became the refuge of many of Messina's earthquake sufferers.

With characteristic religious zeal, the people first tried to check the flow of lava by the interposition of holy images and relics. The eruption increased in violence March 25, six new craters opening in the side of the mountain.

A stream of molten lava fifty feet deep and a half mile wide, is now sweeping down the southern slope of the mountain at a rate of 1,300 feet an hour. It has already covered nine miles of the slope and destroyed, either in part or in whole, the villages of Borello, Belpasse, San Leo, Rinazzi, Copello and Albanello. Nicolosi escaped destruction by the fact that the town is shut in by hills.

### THEY WILL PROBE TO THE BOTTOM

As the result of the strenuous agitation of the stockbreeders of Manitoba for an investigation of conditions that are causing a decline of this industry, the Manitoba government has appointed a live stock commission which will make an exhaustive inquiry into all phases of the subject. They will decide upon the feasibility of public abattoirs, of a chilled meat trade, and the best plan for securing stock yards and improving conditions. The three commissioners appointed by the government are Messrs. A. M. Campbell, of Stonewall; Stephen Benson, of Neepawa, and R. A. C. Manning, of Winnipeg.

conventional or special tariff. This arrangement is expected, will be soon followed by a definitive commercial treaty between the two countries. Under these circumstances it is believed, that the present time offers a favorable opportunity for the establishment of an institution such as is here described.

It is important that the management should know as soon as possible how far it can depend upon the assistance and co-operation of those persons and business houses, as well as of those municipal and other bodies in Canada that may feel an interest in this institution. To this end correspondence is invited, and any and all proposals and suggestions will be gladly received and inquiries answered.

The manager of "Canada House," J. J. Blakeslee, lately made an extensive trip through Canada as the English adviser to the German-Canadian Economic Association, through whose efforts it is in large part due that a better commercial understanding between the countries has at length been brought about. Temporary offices have been opened at 58 Friedrich Str., Berlin, Germany, to which all communications should be addressed.

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#### PRIVATE COMPANY WILL BUILD RAILROAD TO HUDSON BAY

G. Atwood, chief engineer of the Hudson Bay and Pacific Railway Company, arrived in Prince Albert, Sask., March 29, from London, England, and stated that survey work would be commenced as soon as possible on the line to the Bay. W. H. May has been in Prince Albert all winter keeping the English capitalists who have formed this new company in touch with the situation. He and Mr. Atwood stated that a number of engineers would arrive from England this week to commence the work. Mr. Atwood, en route from the old country came via New York where he conferred with A. J. Taylor, the contractor for the road. He said that Taylor would also come to Prince Albert and bring with him the construction outfit so that the work of

The lava surrounds the hills, however, and most of the people of the town have fled.

Eighteen craters are pouring out their columns of sulphurous vapor, stones, cinders and lava. These separate streams run together at a point a few miles down the slope.

The ruin of farms and the destruction of homes have impoverished the entire section.

#### Dams Are Swept Away

The government engineers tried in vain today to divert the course of the lava streams by building dams and digging ditches, but the onrush of the molten flood swept away the improvised obstacles.

Four detachments of soldiers were dispatched to the scene to superintend the work of evacuating the threatened towns.

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#### HE GOT THE HOMESTEAD

With a mattress, a good supply of blankets, a stock of the latest magazines, and an arrangement with a local restaurant to supply his meals, G. M. Willan, a well-known insurance agent and hockey player of Red Deer, on Sunday, March 20, took up his residence on the porch of the Dominion lands office at Red Deer, and camped there until Tuesday, March 29, when a certain quarter section, two miles from Erskin, became available for homesteading purposes. Willan was none too soon for less than half an hour after he had taken up his place another applicant walked in, but seeing Willan occupying first place, decided not to stay.

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#### WIRELESS ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Within a very short time it will be impossible for boats to get out of wireless communication on Lake Superior if they are equipped with operators. On the first trip out of Duluth harbor, by the Booth steamer Moore, which will leave next Sunday, there will be carried to Washington harbor, Isle Royale, a wireless outfit which will be installed there. When this

is installed every point on the largest of fresh water lakes will be covered and a boat carrying equipment cannot go beyond reach of communication with land. Soon the Canadian government will give a license for a tower at Port Arthur and then the list will be complete. There are at present stations at Grand Marais, Sault Ste. Marie, Calumet, Marquette and Duluth.

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#### PENSION FOR FRENCH WORKING MEN

The French senate on March 21, by a vote of 280 to 3, passed the workmen's pension bill. This marks the end of a legislative struggle extending over four years, and of a political agitation in France reaching back to 1892. The plan involves contributions from three sources for the creation of the pension fund. First, obligatory yearly contributions from wage earners amounting to nine francs for men, six francs for women and four and a half francs from minors; second, the contribution of the employer, which equals that of the wage earner; and third, the contribution of the state.

Even the experts differ regarding the state's payment, but the generally accepted figure is 180,000,000 francs (\$28,000,000) for the first year, the amount decreasing until the scheme works annually, when it will be about 125,000,000 francs. The beneficiaries are to draw their pensions at the age of sixty-five or after thirty years of service, with certain diminutions. The full pension at the lowest unit of contribution will be 411 francs a year, except for farm laborers, whose contribution and pension are slightly inferior.

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#### GREAT WATERWAYS INVESTIGATION OPENED

##### Scores of Witnesses Called

On March 29 at 10 o'clock the investigation into the agreement between the Alberta and Great Waterways railway and the provincial government, a debate on which precipitated a most serious political crisis, opened in the legislative chambers before a royal commission of three, Mr. Justice Scott (chairman), Mr. Justice Beck and Mr. Justice Harvey, all of Edmonton.

The investigation, it is expected, will reveal all in connection with the charges which have been made regarding the sale of the bonds of the company, in which several officials of the company were alleged to have received a rake-off. The insurgents state their counsel will produce sensational evidence. The railway officials and the government say they are delighted to have the investigation and that there is nothing sensational to reveal.

##### Array of Legal Talent

The official counsel of the commission is Messrs. W. L. Walsh, K.C., of Calgary, formerly of the Yukon and Orangeville, Ont., one of the prominent lawyers of the province, and L. M. Johnstone, of Lethbridge, another prominent member of the provincial bar. In addition to these, R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, the member of the legislature who made a bitter attack upon the Waterways deal, will represent the interests of the insurgents, and he will be assisted by H. B. Parlee, a member of the firm of Boyle and Parlee, of Edmonton. P. J. Nolan, of Calgary, one of the ablest lawyers in the west, will represent the interests of the government, assisted by O. M. Biggar, of Edmonton, a member of the attorney general's law firm.

##### Scores of Witnesses Called

Witnesses have been summoned from all over the province and any individual who has been in anyway connected prominently with the deal will be brought to the stand. The chief officials of the railway company, the heads of government departments, the superintendents of the local telegraph office, will be the first to appear and give evidence.

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An inspector visiting a certain school asked the scholars of the lower form a few questions on the definitions of geography. One of the questions was "What is the basin of a river?" A painful silence ensued; when suddenly a smart youngster, wishing to keep up the reputation of his form, blurted out "Please, sir, it is the place where the river washes itself in!" There were no more questions asked that day.