

wheat at the Provincial Seed Fair. The first prize animals at our Provincial Fairs are the result of years of careful breeding and selection, and of a whole year's fitting, and the day is fast approaching when the first prize grain will also be the result of years of careful breeding and selection, and of a whole year's "fitting."

Standing fields of seed grain competitions have now been held for three years and the judges who have judged these crops report a great improvement in the methods of cultivation, care used in seed selection and in the general quality of the crops exhibited. A careful perusal of the report of 1908 suggests some features in which improvements might be made in 1909. While there were but a few low scores for weeds, yet the number was even smaller of those who received a full score of 25 points for total freedom from weeds. Many exhibitors lost marks because of a mixture of varieties, and as this can accurately be detected only in the field, it is necessary that the judges deduct heavily for this serious defect. There were but few low scores for smut, but also there were only three full scores for freedom from smut. This is a most important feature, as smut in a sample not only causes a great loss of points at the seed fairs but causes a large decrease in both quality and quantity of the yield. Many of these defects may in a large measure be remedied by careful cultivation, and by careful selection and treatment of the seed. Proper methods of cultivation and systematic seed selection are the basic principles for producing large yields and high grades.

TESSIER HOLDS LIVELY MEETING

The Tessier, Sask., branch of the Grain Growers' Association, held a largely attended meeting on the evening of March 19th, President Young in the chair.

Mr. Wager, a visitor from the Harris Branch, and who represented that branch at the Weyburn convention, spoke of certain things connected with the Association that had been brought to his mind at the convention. Among them, in his opinion, a Grain Growers' Association and a Working Man's Union would be a happy combination, the one being to a certain extent dependent on the other, and that the wage earner was as much entitled to protection as the farmer and grain grower.

Dr. Hill from Kinley, addressed the meeting for nearly two hours and kept the audience in one continuous state of interest, the repeated applause evidencing that his remarks were appreciated. He gave a review of the Grain Growers' Association, showing its advantages to the farmer, dealt at length with the grading and elevator system and the best methods of shipping and storing grain. He interspersed his speech with anecdotes and humorous illustrations that not only kept his audience in good humor, but convinced those present that he had made a study of the questions he was discussing.

After several questions had been asked and answered,



WILL THE HARVEST FIND YOU READY?

YOU owe it to yourself to be ready to take care of your grain after it is grown. It may ripen all at once—you will need to cut it quickly. When you start in, you hope to have the work go right along. You will have neither the time nor disposition to tinker with poor working machines, when you go into the field. Be wise in time. Give some thought to the machines you will use in the harvest, and do it now. A McCormick binder will give you a sense of readiness for the harvest that you can get in no other way.

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and a hearty vote of thanks tendered to the visiting delegates, the meeting adjourned.

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FLOUR PRICES IN LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Apr. 7th, 1909. The market has shown increased strength. An advance of 6d. is generally asked for American flours. For English flour holders bid higher prices but they are only paid by needy buyers. Forward business is at a standstill. Flour can be obtained shillings cheaper on spot than for shipment.

Minnesota 1st Patent	31s.—31s 6d
Minnesota 2nd Patent	30s.—30s 6d
Canadian Spring Patent	31s.—31s 6d
Winter First Patent.....	31s.—32s
Winter Extra Fancy	28s 6d—29s
Kansas Patent	30s 6d.—31s

Sales ex-store, not including commission, would represent an additional cost of 9d —1s per sack.

Editor's Note.—It can be noted from the above prices of flour that the Canadian manufacturers of spring wheat patents get as much for their product as the American manufacturers, although the Canadian buys the hard wheat that goes into his flour at least 10c. per bushel less than his American competitor.

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