

Western Canada Fairs Association

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Sow Flax

This Spring!

In a recent article advising Western farmers to grow flax, J. H. Grisdale, B. Agr., Director Dominion Experimental Farm, says:

"Where wheat seeding has progressed rather slowly, it will often be advisable to sow the last few acres intended for wheat to flax instead. For the new settler or the man with new breaking done before May 25 or 26 flax offers an opportunity for money-making this year such as is not possible with any other crop."

The average yield of flaxseed in Western Canada exceeds 12 bushels per acre. The average price for months past has been around \$2 per bushel. Figure it out for yourself.

Flax does best when sown late in May, and well even when put in during the first week in June. This gives a chance, after it is too late to sow more wheat, to break new land, put any low, wet spots into good condition and get a considerable extra acreage into flax.

On new breaking the flax roots rot the old sod, loosen up the soil and leave it in splendid condition for wheat. Flax has the good effect of summerfallowing and at the same time produces a profitable crop—which no other grain will do.

Get every extra acre you possibly can into shape and Sow Flax.

IT PAYS!

Edmonton Spring Show

The weather man made an unusual contribution to the success of Edmonton Spring Show. The driving, saddle and jumping classes were one of the main features of the show. The pure-bred draught classes embraced all the heavy breeds. Clydes were the best represented of all draft breeds, and more competition was better than stallion. Agricultural horses were probably the best part of the horse display.

Clydesdales

The aged class brought out 19 entries, prizes being distributed as follows: 1. McBean & McCaig, Stony Plain, on "Cockade"; 2. A. R. Gillies, Clover Bar, on "Clarendon"; 3. L. Rye, Edmonton, on "Wyono"; 4. W. J. Gould, Innisfail, on "Scotland's Freeman"; 5. T. H. Hassard, Markham. All the three-year-olds were shown by L. Rye, R. N. Beatty, Edmonton, won the two-year-old class on "Sir Elgin." The open championship went to "Cockade," and Canadian-bred to "Clarendon."

T. H. Hassard showed a remarkable pair of mares that created quite a sensation and were unbeaten during the show. They were "Nell of Abiton" and "Daisy Dean." They won first and second shown single. The first is an imported daughter of "Baron of Buchlyvie," and a beautiful mare of tip-top quality and faultless movement. Hassard also won third, while fourth went to "Poppy," the noted Alberta mare, shown by Geo. H. Crosswell, Edmonton. She was in poor condition. N. A. Weir, Oshon, won the yearling filly class on "Rose of Kilallan."

For draft mares or geldings, P. Burns & Co. Ltd., won on "Farmer," a great 2,200 gelding. Pacific Cartage Co., Calgary, won second on a gelding, and then Hassard's mares came next.

Other Breeds

In the aged Percheron stallion class first prize went to G. C. Groat, Spruce Grove, on "Tranien," a well muscled horse with lots of bone and quality. Tom Rawlinson, Innisfail, took second with his "Inanime," another thick set, drafty grey. T. H. Hassard's "Irving" was third. This horse has a splendid carriage and front, but is rather light in the hind quarters. W. B. Thorne, Aldersyde, was fourth with "Joker." H. Hamilton Bros., Innisfail, showed the winning three-year-old, "Winston"; W. B. Thorne coming next with "Amarilis." In the two-year-old class Mr. Thorne's "Emperor" beat Hassard's "Dick Frenche." "Tranien" was awarded the stallion championship for the breed. The mare championship went to Hassard's "Labouviere," a big grey of very beautiful feminine character with lots of bone and quality. S. J. Bartlett won the three-year-old class and W. B. Thorne the yearling class.

Entries were only small in the Shire, Belgian and Suffolk classes. Tom Rawlinson, Innisfail; Gurney and Warner, Innisfail, and Arch. McLean, Wainwright, were the exhibitors in Shires. The stallion championship went to Rawlinson's "Gay Samson." Gurney and Warner showed the only mares, "Queen Carlton" and her two-year-old filly, "Conlee Conqueror." The championship was placed on the filly.

Henri De Shepper, Villeneuve, took first and second in the aged stallion class for Belgians. There was more competition in the class for Belgian mares. N. Bilbore, Leduc, had three entries, taking first, third and fourth. His "Lady Isabel," a four-year-old, took first and championship. Second award went to "Sarah," a type, low set mare shown by Oberg and Nyberg, Ltd., Amisk, Alta.

In the Suffolk stallion class, S. J. Bartlett, Namsa, got first award on "Morton Freeman," the other awards going to J. Barber and Sons, Manure, on "Harkington Snip," and to S. Bethel, Tofield, on "Randelsham Sir Walter." Geo. H. Crosswell, Edmonton, showed both entries in the yearling stallion class, "Crosswell's Best" being given first award. S. J. Bartlett had no competition in the mare class.

Sheep and Hogs

Sheep were fewer in numbers than in previous years, but the winning animals were of good quality. Geo. R. Ball,

West Salisbury, who has been breeding Oxfords for the last fifteen years, had a nice exhibit, including the champion ewe lamb, H. S. Currie, Castor. Had the champion ram in this breed, an animal of outstanding balance and showing strong masculinity and breed type. Wm. Gilbert, Stony Plain, had a number of big, strong sheep in the Oxford classes, taking first and second in the aged ewe class. He was without competition in the aged ram class. Geo. R. Ball showed some excellent Dorsets, but had no competition. The principal awards on fat sheep went to the Alex. Taylor Estate, who took both Burns' and Swift's specials. The sheep were judged by J. McCaig.

Some 250 hogs were shown in the swine classes, and the general quality was very good. Berkshires were the most numerous, with Durocs, Tamworths, Yorkshires and Poland Chinas next in the order named. In the breeders' classes Steve Swift, Viking, took the bear championship for Berkshires, and Wm. Gilbert, Stony Plain, the sow championship. Gilbert also took both championships in Tamworths, S. J. Hamblly and Son, Munson, showing the reserve champion sow. W. J. Bailey and Son, Wetaskiwin, showed a fine lot of Duroc Jerseys, but had no competition. E. N. Cooper, Stettler, had the only exhibits in Poland Chinas. Hunter Bros. and Geo. R. Ball, West Salisbury, and Steve Swift, competed in Yorkshires. Both championships went to Hunter Bros., Swift showing the reserve champion sow.

Wm. Gilbert won the first prize in the ear lot competition, with a fine lot of Berkshires of good type and even size. Steve Swift was second with another good lot of Berkshires. S. J. Hamblly and Sons showed the winning pen of bacon hogs, a nice lot of Tamworths. Gilbert and Swift being second and third with Berkshires. Steve Swift won the first for pen of lard hogs, with Samuel Swift, Innisfree, second and third. W. J. Bailey and Son showed the best sow, a fine year-old Duroc, which was judged the best hog in the show. The awards were placed by Prof. W. J. Elliott, Oids.

Sale Cattle Awards

The sale cattle were judged by H. B. Smith, Strathmore. Over one hundred head were entered. While there were some shown in good condition, many of the animals were brought into the show ring straight from the straw stack, and their rough appearance prevented the bulls from doing themselves justice in the show, while in the subsequent sale their poor condition was reflected in the correspondingly lower prices paid. Their owners certainly lost more than the extra cost of a little feed, and it was generally remarked that it was a pity that the bulls should be brought into a show ring in such poor shape. These remarks do not apply to the winning animals.

The Shorthorn championship went to "Baron Duke," a two-year-old shown by Robinson Bros., Vermilion; Yule and Howes, Carstairs, getting reserve championship on "Missie Champion," which was first in the junior yearling class. A. R. Gillies, Clover Bar, showed the champion fat cow, Frank Collicut, Crossfield, showed a nice bunch of Herefords, taking the championship of the breed with "Willow Spring Traylor." L. McComb, Huxley, showed the winning Angus cattle, which were a good lot of youngsters.

In the fat stock classes, Angus Rowat, Wetaskiwin, took first and second for steers in ear lots. Frank Collicut, with his Herefords, took all the leading awards for individual fat steers. The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Special for the best steer sired by a Shorthorn bull went to H. W. Watkinson, Oids, on a choice grade.

High Average Prices

At the bull sale eighty-six head sold for an average of \$146.10. The numbers of each breed sold were: Shorthorns, 65, average price paid \$156.09; Herefords, 4, average \$157.50; Aberdeen Angus, 7, average \$122.85; Red Polled, 8, average \$96.75; Holstein, 1 \$100; Ayrshire, 1, \$75.

The highest price paid was \$320, paid

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