

Lacombe is a strong center for beef cattle. The Premier called it the Guelph of Alberta, and it deserves the title. Herefords and Shorthorns were there in goodly numbers. And even Jerseys and Ayrshires were in evidence for dairying is making progress in the north. One man had a few Duroc-Jersey swine and quite a few Oxford sheep were shown. Lacombe has a splendid show ground but more accommodation is needed for sheep and swine. The pens are too limited, and holding sheep all day in crowded wagons in very warm weather is bad for the sheep, hard on the judge, and little satisfaction to the owners or the spectators.

Sitting in a restaurant one morning after a fair a gentleman was heard to remark: "It is a pity they do not run these fairs wide open. A fellow should be able to buy all the beer he wants, and then think what a good impression it would give the people coming in from the south if this were done. It's the only way, and the fair management could make a heap of money out of it." That man had a perverted idea about the people of the south. The Yankee is no more in favor of gambling dives and booze booths than is his Canadian brother. No, no my friend, your views are on the boomerang, your imagination is running riot. The people who come here want a clean fair and this year has seen a vast improvement over last and still there's room for more.

Wawanesa Agricultural Exhibition.

The 9th annual exhibition of the South Brandon Agricultural Society at Wawanesa on the 19th was a great success. The gate receipts exceeded all former records, and the entries of stock compared favorably with other years. The chief interest was centered about the heavy horses, of which there was a grand display. Bright Idea owned by W. N. Cory, Wawanesa, won three first prizes and well deserved them. He is a great stock horse, the most important requirement with all male animals. Too many are prize winners but useless in the stud. Nick o' Time owned by T. E. M. Banting won second prize. A good young stallion was shown by D. Stevenson, Wawanesa, also one by R. Muir, Treesbank. The last one is of Tully Elder's breeding and the making of a good sire. There were quite a few Standard-breds shown by Alex. Blain, the owner of the white stallion, Democracy and were of excellent quality. One Percheron stallion owned by Vanstone & Rogers was on the grounds. He is also a good stock getter, and had numerous colts to show what he could do in the stud. There was a great display of general purpose and heavy draft foals. Perhaps the best for years. Host of the good ones were off Bright Idea getting and as a result got most of the good prizes. In Shorthorns there was a good display. W. J. McFadden had out the best lot of the breed. His aged bull, Red Rover, is a splendid specimen of the breed, although the judge turned him down for sweepstakes in favor of a younger animal, a ruling not agreed with by the writer. It is doubtful if the younger bull will ever develop into the massive animal shown by McFadden. For cows McFadden had first on one of J. E. Smith's breeding, second went to Banting on a cow in very thin condition. For Aberdeen-Angus, W. T. Johnston had out the only entry of the breed, a very good animal from S. Martin's herd. Holsteins made a poor showing and did not cause any excitement. Beef grades there was a good entry, most of them of Shorthorn breeding. There was a large entry of dairy grades and the judge had the talent badly at sea in this class. The cow winning first prize won two firsts in the beef grades the two previous years. She is a grand specimen of the dual purpose kind.

Sheep. There were only three Shropshires in the grounds belonging to P. M. Vanstone. This is a poor sheep district.

Swine. There was a large entry in the pig classes, but little competition. Some good specimens of the three leading breeds were shown, however. In Berkshires there were two competitors with Elliott Bros. winning the bulk of the prizes. The other exhibitor, Fawcett, showed quite superior stock, a sow with an excellent litter of pigs, and will need to be figured upon in future. O. King had no competition in Yorks, the same with Banting in Tamworths.

There was a good exhibit of garden stuff in the hall, also ladies' fancy work, etc. Of grain threshed and in the sheaf the display was small.

Poultry was a small exhibit of very good stock.

Wawanesa has an excellent place for a fair, but the grounds want improving badly. The list of prize winners is to be found in the Gossip column.

Agricultural College Calendar.

The calendar of courses to be followed at the Manitoba Agricultural College is being circulated. In it is given a list of studies, qualifications for admission, an estimate of the cost of a year's attendance and some of the ordinary rules to be observed. The college will open on November 6 and continue until March 29 with ten days vacation at Christmas. Many enquiries have already been received as to course of study and length of course and every indication points to a full house for the first year. Not all the boys who might be benefitted by such a course can be accommodated but those who make application early will be assured residence in the college and admission to the classes. Address all communications to W. J. Black, Principal, Agricultural College, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Industrial Fair

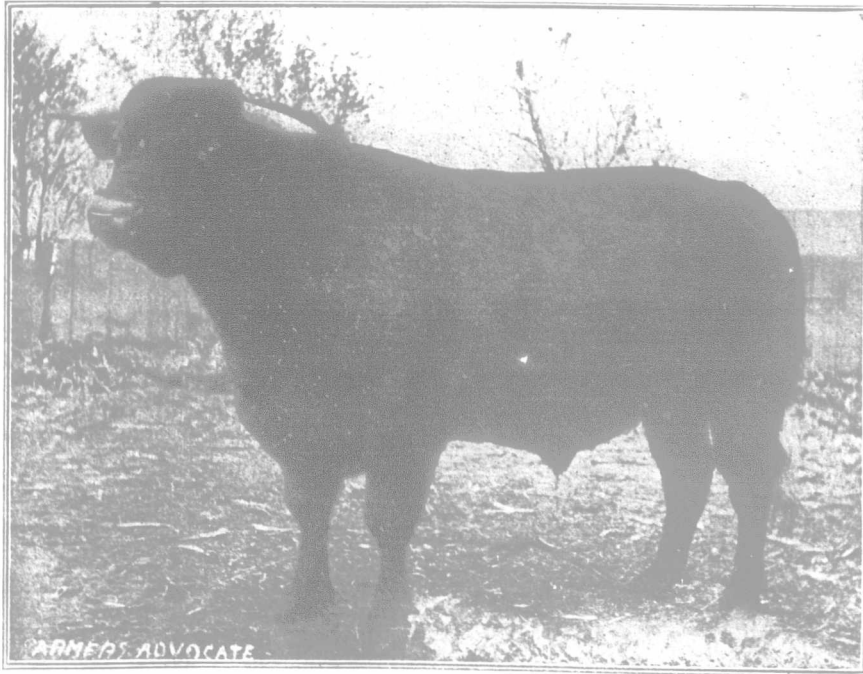
As July rolls around the western farmer prepares for his annual midsummer jaunt to Western Canada's great fair and to see the progress made since his last visit, which may have been in midwinter, either to fraternal or live stock conventions, in the heaping together of brick, stone and mortar for the homes of merchant-prince or artisan. The growth of a great city is of itself a great attraction to the dweller on the prairie; a visit to a great human hive, such as Winnipeg, lets him see how his fellows fare in the struggle of life, although he wots little of the intensity of that struggle neither can he estimate the number of those who have fallen by the wayside in the strenuous battle of life since his previous visit. Winnipeg has now reached a stage, when the city with its parks, its public buildings, its banks and great business blocks, its miles of asphalt and boulevards, is of itself no small attraction thus adding the spice of variety to the farmer's transient visit to town as well as acting as an additional magnet to draw people to the Winnipeg Industrial.

The agricultural and daily press had well prepared the people in the outlying districts for the many marked changes at this year's exhibition, the painting of buildings, the cutting out of lewd shows, the relegation of that heterogeneous collection, yclept the Drag (the Midway of former years) to its proper position, as a secondary adjunct to the fair and not the principal feature, all contributed to make the 1906 effort better than before. This year also the department charged with the enforcement of the liquor laws took a hand in the game, and successfully balked attempts to sell hard drinks illegally for which the president, manager and directors deserve the heartiest congratulations. There are some to whom a drink of liquor is more than the law, who will in fact stoop to anything almost, rather than assist in having the liquor laws strictly observed, if there are any such men on the directorate it is to be hoped that the exhibition board will be speedily rid of them for while it is essential that men of broad views, even regarding sumptuary laws should rule, no quarter should be shown the man, who under the pretence of broad or liberal views of life, would wink at, or otherwise encourage men to break existing laws. Some considered the closing up of the cane ringing stands by the police as a move, not for puritanical motives, but rather to embarrass the new management, whether their surmises are correct or not we are unable to say, except that it would be too much to expect perfection in one year's time in the change from the old order to the new.

Never before has the satisfaction of the stockmen been so apparent, the buildings have been rendered

safer against the probable outbreaks of fire, and there was an appearance of order and system which had been lacking in previous years. Such was only to be expected, President Greig an old stock man himself, has been for years in touch with the stockmen's needs and, as far as his power would allow, endeavored to meet those needs and was most ably seconded by Dr. A. W. Bell, who might be dubbed the shirtsleeves or coatless manager, who years of experience as assistant manager at the Toronto Industrial, where he was practically manager for some years stood him in good stead, his unfailing courtesy and suavity under all circumstances showing him to be 'the man for the place' as was his chief George H. Greig, the 'man of the hour'. It was a big improvement, the six day fair starting with Children's Day, when for five cents the little ones passed the portals into what is, to many of them a 'Wonderland', another five cents put them on the grand stand, and we believe they appreciated the exhibition better than ever, 'as they paid their way' which after all is the proper method to follow if it is wished to breed and raise up a self-reliant people.

The effect of the suppression of illegal liquor selling by the booths was seen by the closing-up of such in a fit of pique, but it was impossible for these men to maintain the sulks while such a steady stream of money-laden people passed by, and on Thursday the majority had reopened for business. The president and manager may, as a result, incur the ill will of those who make money by illegally selling liquor on the grounds. The point at issue is not whether the consumption of liquor is harmful or not, but that the law does not permit the selling of it on the grounds, and any directors or section of the directorate, or the authorities that will give the booth men the tip that should they sell intoxicants, they will be unmolested, should be put out of business at the next annual meeting or as soon as possible. The determined stand and untiring efforts of the president and manager and some of the directors for a clean fair has borne fruit, and it will be a reproach to the city and the province if a relapse is permitted; the fair, in spite of its bad reputation of a year ago, has undoubtedly been pulled together this year, and the confidence of the public obtained the gaining of which is due entirely to the esteem in which President Greig is held and by the hard unremitting work of Manager Bell. It would be folly to expect the vicious element on and off the fair board to purr contentedly over defeat, but they may as well be warned first as last, that the public will not tolerate anything short of a clean fair.



NONPAREIL PRINCE
Second in the grand show of 1906.