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GOSSIP.

PIGS AT THE ROYAL.

Following are prizewinning records in three classes named at the Royal Show, London, England, last month:

Berkshires.—Boars born 1901-02—1, R. W. Hudson's Manor Hercules; 2, Morant; 3, Sir H. de Trafford. Pen three boars born 1903—Lawrence, Fricker, Harwood, Henderson. Breeding sows born 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902—Prince Christian, Duchess Devonshire, Berners, De Trafford, Hiscok, Horwood, Hudson, Fricker. Three sows born 1903—Prince Christian, Henderson, Fricker, Kember, Duchess Devonshire.

Yorkshires.—Boar born 1901-02—1 and 2, Sir G. Grenall, Knowles, Earl Ellesmere. Pen three boars born 1903—Daybell, Ellesmere, Mills, Greenall. Breeding sow—Greenall, Ellesmere, Daybell, Knowles, Mills. Three sows born 1903—Ellesmere, Daybell, Greenall.

Tamworths.—Boars born 1901-02—Ibbotson, Phillip, Stephens. Pen three boars born 1903—Phillip, Stephens, Mitchell. Breeding sow—Stephens, Phillip, Ibbotson. Pen three sows born 1903—Mitchell, Ibbotson, Phillip.

Morris.

TOWN AND DISTRICT.

The little town of Morris, situated at the confluence of the Red and Morris rivers, in Southern Manitoba, possesses more than passing interest. Its present population is somewhere about 500, but every indication points to a rapid addition to the number, for the town is rapidly becoming known as a center for more than one purpose. In railways, it is amply provided in advance, though it were to grow to great dimensions. It is a junction point on three branch railways, and is destined under present plans to fill the same position on a projected line, viz., the C. N. R. branch from Morris to the south-east. At present, the C. P. R. branch to Deloraine, the C. N. R., Winnipeg to Minnesota, and the same company's line to Brandon, all center at Morris, besides the C. P. R. line north from the United States to Winnipeg. In public utilities, the town has all that its present needs require. There are three elevators, three grain warehouses and a chopping mill. There is also a couple of lumber, coal and wood yards, two banks, a legal firm, a creamery, a harness shop, a meat market and a veterinary surgeon. There are contractors in every branch of building, and what is at present wanted is

more men to enable them to execute their orders. Building lots are ever changing hands at increasing prices, and many are now in the possession of intending builders, and enquiries are daily received by the real estate agents as to location for sites and chances of business. Several business buildings are now in course of erection, and dwellings are springing up fast, though not sufficiently so to supply the demand for them. Several intending residents who came to the town during the spring and summer had to leave on account of the scarcity of dwellings. Several business men met with the same disappointment on finding that the only way to get an office was to build one. In its general business phase, the town is quite a lively one for its size. There are two hotels, two livery barns, two blacksmith shops, three general stores, four implement rooms, two hardware stores, and one furniture store.

The town of Morris, with its excellent natural surroundings and its railway facilities, has many possibilities and some immediate opportunities for enterprising manufacturers. There is good clay for brickmaking, and all that is wanted is the capital and the enterprise to start a factory. There is also room for an additional grist mill, and boarding houses are sure of patronage. There is a very nice and substantial school, which is admirably conducted under the tuition and management of Mr. James Plewes, principal, and Miss Kay, junior teacher. Morris is one of the many towns which have shown reasons why it should be chosen as the center for the Provincial Agricultural College.

There are three churches in the town: Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican. The Bell Telephone Co. are engaged putting in a town telephone system, and when that is completed Morris will be made their center for Southern Manitoba. The surrounding country is composed of moderately-rich and highly-fertile black loam soil. The farmers are prosperous, and any land put on the market is picked up readily at a fair price. The Morris Agricultural Society is an up-to-date, progressive association. Their show at Morris is held this year on the 8th and 9th of July. Over \$1,100.00 is spent in prizes, with the addition of a considerable sum given by the business men of the town in special prizes. The farming interests receive due attention from the society, and institute meetings

are held at suitable seasons, when addresses are delivered by the highest authorities that can be procured. All the events and occurrences of the district are chronicled and published in the Morris Herald, a lively little paper, which is destined to expand with the town's growth, under the capable management of Mr. George Bilyard.

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