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Rape Sown with Oats.

A reader commends the ADVOCATE for calling his attention to the advantage of sowing rape with oats to provide summer pasture. He tried about twenty acres last spring, using four or five pounds rape seed per acre—some drilled in with the oats, the rest sown broadcast and harrowed in. His oats are now off and the field is covered with rape about a foot high—splendid feeding for the sheep. In cutting the oats some of the tops were clipped off, but immediately sprouted up again. This is only one of many good hints he credits to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Space Crowded.

We must apologize to several of our contributors and enquirers for the nonappearance of several articles in this issue, owing to the great pressure of matter. They will appear in our Sept. 1st issue.

STOCK.

The Winnipeg Industrial.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition of 1896 was a complete success. After a soaking rain on the opening day, the weather cleared and was simply perfect throughout the week. The attendance, both from the city and country, was larger than ever before, over 20,000 people passing through the gates on Thursday. The number of exhibitors was largely in excess of previous years; in fact, the increased accommodation provided was, with the exception of the sheep barns, taxed to its utmost. The races and attractions were good, and everything went along without a hitch. Too much praise cannot be given to Manager Heubach, upon whose shoulders the brunt of the work falls, however willingly and ably the several directors manage their various parts. President Hamilton was on duty early and late, ever ready to aid and advise, and he is to be congratulated that so much has been accomplished and so great a success achieved under his presidency.

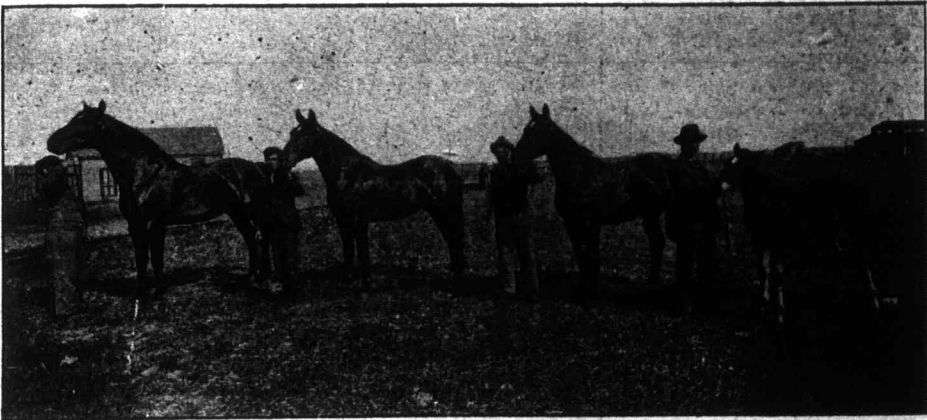


THE WINNERS IN THE AGED CLYDESDALE STALLION CLASS.

From a financial standpoint, the July fair was a great success; thus putting the Association on a permanent footing, and in a better position than ever to demonstrate the capabilities and magnificent resources of the country.

As an educator its influence is far-reaching; as an entertainer it is unsurpassed, and may well be called the "people's carnival," and its annual return will be looked forward to in many a prairie home. To say that every exhibitor went home satisfied would be "stretching" it considerably; everyone cannot win first prizes, and so long as men differ as to varieties, types, etc., or can see no merit in anything they do not own, just so long will the decision of judges prove disappointing to many.

Of course, everything is not yet perfect, and much can be done before another show comes round. The feeling of antagonism between the stockmen and the management that existed during earlier years has been obliterated, and this year's work is ample evidence that the present management will spare no pains to accommodate and attract the live stock exhibitors, without whom no industrial exhibition of the products of an agricultural country can be successful or worthy the support of the people.



THE SWEEPSTAKES COACH HORSE AND THREE OF HIS GET.

HORSE DEPARTMENT. CLYDESDALES.

The show of horses in the draft classes was unusually good. The ring of a dozen fine Clyde stallions in motion was a sight very creditable to any country, especially to so young a Province. Judge Farrell, of Woodstock, frequently remarked they were as good a lot as he ever saw together. Erskine Lord, brought out by John Ewen, of Morden, was a favorite from the start, and when he wore the red ticket out of the ring it was with the approval of the crowd of interested spectators. There was a close competition for the blue between Golden Hero (Geo. Cartwright, Russell, exhibitor) and Wawanosh Chief (from Menzies Bros., Shoal Lake). Hero is a compact horse, of great substance and good quality. He carries too much flesh to move as well as he evidently might. Chief is also a capital, compact horse, of good style, action, and quality. Many favored him for second, but the judge gave it to Hero and put Chief third.

A little better shoeing might have changed this judgment. The horses drawn out for the final competition were: McNab's Heir, shown by A. J. Moore, of Swan Lake; Granite Tower, by Wm. Brown, Portage la Prairie; Prince of Eastfield, by Arctic Ice Co., Winnipeg; and the three winners above mentioned: Sir Arthur, the winner in '95, from J. E. Smith's stud at Brandon, was lame, and hence did not get a place. Poteath, shown by W. H. Galbraith, Hartney, was commended for his fine spirit and action; he evidently lacked size, in the judge's opinion. Another worthy of special mention was the young Manitoba-bred horse, General Beresford, bred by John E. Smith, Brandon, and when he matures will no doubt crowd some of the veterans for honors.

Section 2 in Clyde stallions brought out two three-year-olds, bred by John E. Smith; sired by Lord Randy. Bravery was first—of good substance and a fair mover; Scotland had the disadvantage of being slightly lame. The two-year-old and yearling stallion sections were also filled from Mr. Smith's stud. Probably they were unconscious of the political significance of their names, but it

proved an indication of their breeder's ability to select winners, for McCarthy won as a two-year-old and Laurier as a yearling. Mr. Smith also had things mostly his own way in brood mares and foals. A fine brood mare was shown by R. R. Byerly, of Cook's Creek, and a three-year filly, by Prince of Eastfield, from C. F. McNaughton, Winnipeg. J. E. Smith had first on two-year filly; Jas. McKenzie, Burnside, second on a very choice one. Mr. Smith also won on stallion and three of his get with Sir Arthur.

SHIRES.

No new ones were brought out in mature stock, but former winners were "still in the ring" in good form. The unrivaled action of Blacksmith (shown by D. McLaughlan, Cypress River) and Glen Campbell's gray—first and second respectively—is a strong element in their favor. Both these horses should do a lot of good for Manitoba's horse stock. Third was Ringleader, shown by David Munroe, Neepawa. He is a large, strong-boned horse, and gave the very best sort of evidence by his young stock that he is "useful rather than ornamental." His three-year-old stallion, Ringmaster, by same exhibitor, was very much admired for his quality, fine style and action. A young horse of great promise, a two-year-old filly, Florine, out of imported dam, Flora, by Ringleader, larger and as good in quality as her dam, is the most conclusive sort of argument that heavy horses can be successfully bred and raised in Manitoba, and the right kind of answer to some of the foolish editorial writing to the contrary that has appeared in certain agricultural literature. Mr. Munroe had first on two-year stallion, King, and on brood mare, Flora, a stylish, strong-acting,

prime quality beast, and also first on stallion, Ringleader, and three of his get, with Ringmaster, Florine, and King. These were good proof of the wisdom of this new section in the prize list, for it encourages the display of the real purpose of these sires, and is the true way to determine their actual value.

DRAFT AND AGRICULTURAL.

In this class one expects to see some of the results that have obtained from the use of the many excel-

lent draft stallions that have been imported into this country, and no one who carefully looked over the 80 odd entries could be disappointed nor say that heavy horses could not be raised successfully in this country. This is the farmers' class, and while some argue that it should be divided into draft and general purpose, the difficulty seems to be to define just what the latter term implies—whether it would mean only clean-legged horses or include undersized heavy-legged horses of draft breeding; and then, having defined it, there is little or no money in raising that class of horses nowadays, no matter how useful they may be at home on the farm. Under such circumstances, the Winnipeg Exhibition Association would hardly be justified in encouraging a class of horses for which there is no demand.

Mr. P. Farrell, of Woodstock, adjusted the awards with very general satisfaction. To individualize would occupy more space than is at our disposal.