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ground. The next pulley works the famous French burr stone chopper aud elevator combined. The grain is elevated on to a screen over the hopper, which screen keeps straws and foreign matter from entering the mill. The chop is elevated from the bottom of the machine into a box with bag holding attachment. The third pulley works a shingle mill and join. ter combined with a capacity of fifteen to twenty thousand per day. A practical illustration of the working of this machine is given, shingles being cut on the ground. A fire engine and hose reel for villages and towns is on exhibit and may be put in operation.

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## SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

One of the most interesting features of the Winnipeg Industrial, was the collection of exhibits made by soveral districes. These were shown in tents, along in a row, the first tent Leing devoted to a display of the products of the district of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory. Six sacks of wheat were shown in the Prince Albert exhibit, including ladogs, red fyfe and club. The ladoga were wonderfully fine samples, but the red fyfe was not equal to some other exhibits of the same variety. Two samples of oats and one of timothy seed were shown, which were fine. A number of samples of grain in straw were shown, including tworowed barley. An excellent display of 100ts and potatoes was made, and also a basket of ripe tomatoes, grow in the open. The special feature of the exhibit was the ladoga wheat and the native grasses, of which latter there were twenty varietics. These grasses were

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probably the finest at the exhibition, but as they were not entered in competition with this class, they were not awarded a prize. Cultivated timothy grass and a sheaf of wild flax were 'lso on view. The wild flax is very similar to the cultivated variety. A second crop of timothy was shown. Brick, lime and lumber manufactured at Prince Albert and some leaf tobacco, completed the exhibit. The display, though not largo in number, fully testified to the agricultural capabilities of the district. Ladoga wheat from Prince Albert, shown in competition in the grain building, was awarded the first prize for this variety, but in the Prince Albert teat there was a sample even superior to the prize wheat.

The next tent was a double one, and one side was taken up by a display of grain, roots, vegetables, etc., grown by Indians, upon reserves in the territories. Some of the samples of grain were very, fine, equalling some of the best exhibits in these classes. The other side of this tent is taken up by the exhibits from the district of Regina, Assiniboia territory. The Regina exhibit excells in wheat. The samples of red fyfe shown were really magnificent wheats, and many were of the opinion that they were the best wheats at the show. Some good authorities were of the opinion that some of the wheats shown in the Regina tent were superior to any of the prize wheats shown in competition in the grain section in the agricultural hall. Regina also makes a splendid display of other grains, grasses, ronts, vegetables, etc.

The next tent is taken up by an exhibit from the Denuis County Agricultural Society from

the districts of Virden and Elkhorn, Manitoba. This is decidedly the most elaborate display made by any of the special district exhibits, and this tent was fairly entitled to the honors which it carried off, taking the first prize of \$50 for the best general display of grains, seeds, roots, to be shown by any electoral division agricultural society. The Virden and Elkhorn exhibit was also awarded the special prize of \$100 offered by the Cauadian Pacific Railway Co., for the best collection of grains in straw and threshed, shown by any country agricultural society it Manitoba and the territories. The Regina exhibit was given the second Industrial Association , rize, and Prince Albert the third prize. Virden and Elkhorn district outnumbered Regina in the variety of exhibits, and Regina again considerably outnumbered Prince Albert, hence the order of the prizes, though in some particular class each exhibit excelled the others in quality. In the Regina tent was shown some winter wheat, grown in that dis. trict by a Rassian, who arrived there lest spring and brought one-half bushel of the seed with him. This seed produced 20 bushels of wheat, and stood the winter well, though sown on the open prairie. It ripened considerably earlier than the spring-sown wheats.

The British Columbia exhibit occupies the next tent. This display is largely made up of preserved fruits and vegetables and canned tish. The collection gives a good idea of the fruit growing capabilities of the Pacific province and attracts considerable attention. The size of the apples and plums is especially remarked. The exhibit also enbraces a few grain

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