

ribs to the vertebral column, but one or two horsemen present who saw him in his Old Country home claimed that no exception could be taken to this point, and expressed the undoubted opinion that when he had fully recovered from the sea voyage he would be faultless in this as in other parts. The second prize horse was Ethiopian, owned by the Lumsden Syndicate Company, an animal brought into the West a few months ago, and imported by Dalgety Bros., London, Ont. He, too, had splendid feet and ankles, and was possessed of a smooth, well-quartered body, but had scarcely so good a front as Baron's Gem, nor could he display the same superior action. Nevertheless, should he prove a sure stock getter the horse-breeding interests of Assiniboia will be the better for his presence. Third prize went to Mutch Bros.' Prince Stanley, the champion at Regina in 1902, and third at Winnipeg Industrial the same year. This horse has been previously described in the "Farmer's Advocate," and it is needless to say that he still retains his good qualities. There were a few other horses of considerable merit that had to go away without a premium. Among these might be mentioned Boydston Heir, by Grandeur, and out of Lady Boydston. He is owned by J. W. Brown, Lumsden, and would have been fourth had another award been made.

Notwithstanding all that may be said in commendation of this ring, there were a few stallions of which nothing favorable could be said, and it will indeed be regrettable should they receive any patronage from the horse breeders of Regina district. Upon enquiry it was learned that these imitations of good breeding were mostly introduced to Western farmers by dealers not generally noted for the possession of anything valuable, but the most striking feature of the situation was that for these scrubs much higher figures had been paid than for the winners purchased and owned by private enterprise.

In the class for stallions three years old and under, seven specimens came forward for inspection, but contrary to the rule in the previous ring, there were no outstanding winners, and the judges were not a little perplexed as to the proper order of placing. In a ring of really good stock it is not difficult for a good judge to satisfy himself, but when the really typical is absent, no one is satisfied. First place was finally given to Gordon Macneilage, a little black owned by Louis House, Fairville; second went to a lofty brown, Royal Victor, owned by E. M. Boulding, Regina; and third to Sandy McTavish, a massive big colt, having a splendid top, but very deficient in legs and feet, shown by a Regina syndicate.

In the class for Standard-bred, only two faced the judges. Sunny Alto, owned by Jos. Churchill, V.S., Regina, was given first; and Madwood, the property of Jno. Forrester, also of Regina, second. The former had the only Thoroughbred to come out, although it had been hoped until the last hour that one more at least would be present. Rothervale, the easy winner in this case, is the animal which was imported by Col. Dent, Ottawa, a few years ago, to be used in breeding army remounts. He is a big, muscular fellow, and possessed of considerable life.

A class presenting competition of a peculiar nature was a special one for the best heavy draft stallion, not necessarily registered. This allowed Peter Horn, Regina, to come out with a cross-bred Clyde and Shire, a massive horse possessing many good qualities, and although individually a strong competitor of Baron's Gem, the superior quality of the latter enabled him to win out.

Pork Packing Factory.

We are pleased to notice that an active movement with the object of establishing a pork-packing factory has taken place at Carberry, Man. The movement is led by N. Boyd, M.P., and he is supported by Messrs. Murphy, Waller, Barrett, Stickie, R. M. Harris, and other prominent townsmen.

This is a movement which if carried out will have a great deal more than a local importance, for there is no industry more neglected generally in Manitoba and the Northwest than that of pork-raising. The position is accentuated by the circumstance that in no other part of the world can pork be raised more cheaply nor with better all-round results than here. Another phase which commends the industry, is that a start can be made with a very small amount of capital, and it is a business which, with the comparatively short gestation and prolific reproduction of swine, is capable of more rapid development than any other branch of agricultural industry. A few pork-packing factories would perform the double function of stimulating the trade of our local towns and inducing a healthy forward movement in hog raising and feeding on the farms. With the establishing of pork factories there would always be the ready market, and Manitoba and the West would change from being a large importer of pork to the position of an exporter of ever increasing extent. We wish the Carberry enterprise all success.

Appreciation from the Old Country.

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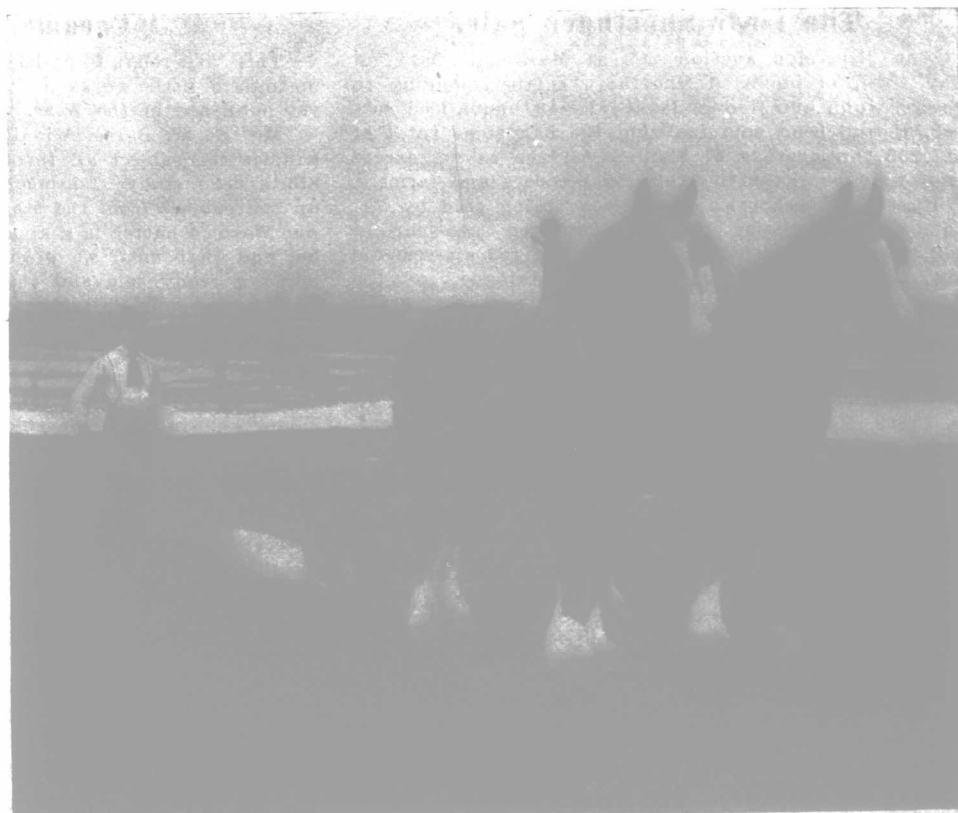
Gentlemen,—Although I have had your grand paper only since last September, yet I feel that our English agricultural publishers should hurry up and raise their publications to your high standard. Your paper is an educator, a newspaper, and a magazine; the articles and letters take such a broad-minded view of the many subjects treated in your pages. The illustrations are very good, and seem highly typical of the country. Several people in this district, to whom I have shown your Christmas number, say they never saw such a fine number.

There are two men here, M. Cartwright, 12 Sussex St., and J. Goodchild, 4 St. Andrew's Hill, both of Cambridge, who may emigrate soon, and they would much like a copy of your "2nd Annual Immigration Number" sent to them. I have also directed a new subscriber, Mr. Swann, to pay his four shillings and two pence to Mr. Chapman, in London.

I am now taking an agricultural course in the University Agricultural Department.

I hope to be passing through Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, to Banff, with a party early in July, and afterwards to Victoria, B.C., and up the coast. I should like very much to stay a few days at Winnipeg on my way back. Can you let me know if there will be any cattle and horse fairs in the West at the end of August? Yours very truly,

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Calgary Show and Sale.

(Special despatch.)

The Cattle and Horse Breeders' Association meetings held at Calgary, May 12th to 14th, were fairly well attended, and many topics of interest to stockmen received consideration and discussion; a report of which will appear in our next issue. The show and sale of horses and cattle on the 15th and 16th was the most successful yet held here; nearly 2,000 people were present. The Clydesdales made a grand show, Mr. John A. Turner's three-year-old stallion, Charming Prince, winning the championship.

The sales which closed on the 16th were fairly successful, the entries of cattle sold totalling 265 head. A considerable proportion of the stock offered was not of as good quality nor in as good condition as was desirable. There was a large show of Shorthorns. The championship prize went to Bachelor, a yearling owned by J. & W. Sharpe, Lacombe. The 178 Shorthorn bulls sold averaged \$93, and 64 Shorthorn females averaged \$98 each. The highest price for a Shorthorn was \$235 for Trout Creek Hero, contributed by Robert Page, Pine Lake. The highest for a female was \$210 for Bonnybell, contributed by Geo. Geary, Innisfail. Sixteen Hereford bulls sold for an average of \$140; highest price \$300 for Bonnie Brae Hesoid 2nd, contributed by Oswald Palmer, Lacombe. No females offered. Seven Aberdeen-Angus bulls sold for an average of \$90 each.

Summerberry Grain Growers.

We have a thriving branch of forty-nine members here. We were one of the first to organize, and it was not far from here where the organization was first started by W. R. Motherwell, P. Dayman, M. Snow and others. We feel that the Association has done a great deal of good since starting, and that we are enjoying a measure of freedom in the shipment of our wheat that was never enjoyed before. We have a loading platform and two elevators, and more elevators are to be built this year.

This is one of the few places where the Grain Act has been interpreted in a way that was satisfactory to the farmers. We have a very obliging agent here, and if ten empty cars were left at this station, he gave six to the farmers and four to the elevators. If six empties were left, four were given to the farmers and two to the elevators, and so on in this proportion, according to the number left each time. Of course, we suffered from scarcity of cars, but was pleased at the way those left were distributed.

We do not have any regular meetings through the summer, except when some special business needs attention.
R. M.

Domestic Servants Coming.

Mrs. Sandford is in the British Isles engaged in gathering a party of young women for domestic service in Western Canada. One of these may be secured by prepaying the travelling expenses. The sum of \$35 covers the fare from Great Britain to Winnipeg, and this amount should be sent to the Secretary of the Girls' Home of Welcome, Winnipeg. For points in Manitoba and the Territories half the railway fare from Winnipeg should be added. The \$35 advanced will be refunded by deduction from the servant's wages until the amount is repaid; but the fare from Winnipeg to country points is discharged entirely by the employer.



SUMMER HILL REFORMER.

Young Yorkshire boar. (See Gossip, page 512.)
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