

shrunk that much by drought already. World conditions indicate a shorter wheat crop than 1908. Quantity and quality will both be lower. Producers should keep these facts in mind and not get anxious about selling, for unless there is something pretty big concerning crops being suppressed, wheat will sell within the next twelvemonth for more money than is being quoted for it to-day.

Provincial Good Roads

It seems to require great effort to induce representatives of municipalities in outlying parts that a new organization is really intended to be provincial, no matter what the name is. For a few years past enthusiasts in Winnipeg and vicinity have striven hard to have something done that will result in an improvement in the rural highways of the province. Those at a distance paid no attention, because they said it was only another scheme of Winnipeggers to get more of the province's money and have satisfactory roads for their automobiles.

But the newly-fledged organization stood nobly by their guns, and at the convention held on the exhibition grounds in Winnipeg recently representatives from rural municipalities agreed that the Manitoba Good Roads Association was exerting an honest effort in behalf of the province as a whole. They saw the wisdom of having a good roads commissioner, whose duty it is to give advice and to ensure a uniform system of roads.

There is little doubt but that before another annual convention comes around the membership of the provincial organization will comprise municipalities in all parts of the province.

Horse Lovers' Complaint

Many who were at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition while some of the heavy horse classes were receiving the awards displayed dissatisfaction because of the action of the exhibition board in having the ribbon wearers selected in front of the grandstand. Although the complaints raised were not without reason, it should not be forgotten that the intention was to give more prominence to a feature of the show that has become of paramount importance and interest. Exhibitors commonly assert that sufficient prominence is not given the particular classes in which they are interested. It was in an effort to please these that the experiment was made that resulted in great classes of horse flesh appearing before comparatively small crowds, and also in many who were closely interested being chagrined at having their favorite animals lined up where they could not see them without extra cost in admission fee.

It is generally admitted that the experiment was a failure. In future, no doubt, all horses, except harness and saddle classes, will receive their ribbons in the regular horse ring, which exhibitors can reach with less loss of time, and where all can watch what is going on. Perhaps a little greater covered seating capacity would be appreciated by horse lovers.

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Our boys and girls must learn not only how to work, but to be proud of work; happy in achieving, and never so proud as in a good mastery over the impediments that Nature purposely places in their way. Eliminate the whine.—*The Independent*

MY OPINION ON SOME MATTERS NUMBER 7

I VISIT DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WEST

It is my candid opinion that too great anxiety prevails in some quarters regarding the condition of the crops of the Canadian prairies. This has been a year of surprises. A very early spring was followed by backward weather. Heavy winds prevailed and then drouth followed with hot winds of great velocity. The lack of moisture, however, is not common to the entire West. In fact, many parts of Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta and Manitoba have had enough and to spare. It is true, however, that in Alberta and Manitoba the parts most severely affected by lack of rain are those that comprise the greatest percentage under crop. But unless the unusually dry weather continues the total yield will not be as light as seeming authentic reports indicate. Nevertheless it cannot now come up to the yield of 1909, even with a greatly increased acreage.

But Providence is not so cruel after all. A review of the areas in which crop damage is most severe shows that for the most part there are not very many new settlers. It would seem that those who have had a few years in which to get "on their feet" are now called upon to stand the most severe check.

Another consideration must be taken into account in regard to the alarm that exists. Keen disappointment prevails, and is all the more severe because we got away to such a good start early in the season. If there is anything a Westerner dislikes it is to be fooled in his calculations.

However, we are not so bad that we could not be worse. In fact, judging from reports the states adjoining us to the south are much more severely hit than we are. So let us brace up and make provision for a bumper crop in 1911. There is little doubt but that high prices will prevail for any marketable farm product, and although bumper crops are more desirable the net cash return for the production of the Canadian West will be creditable.

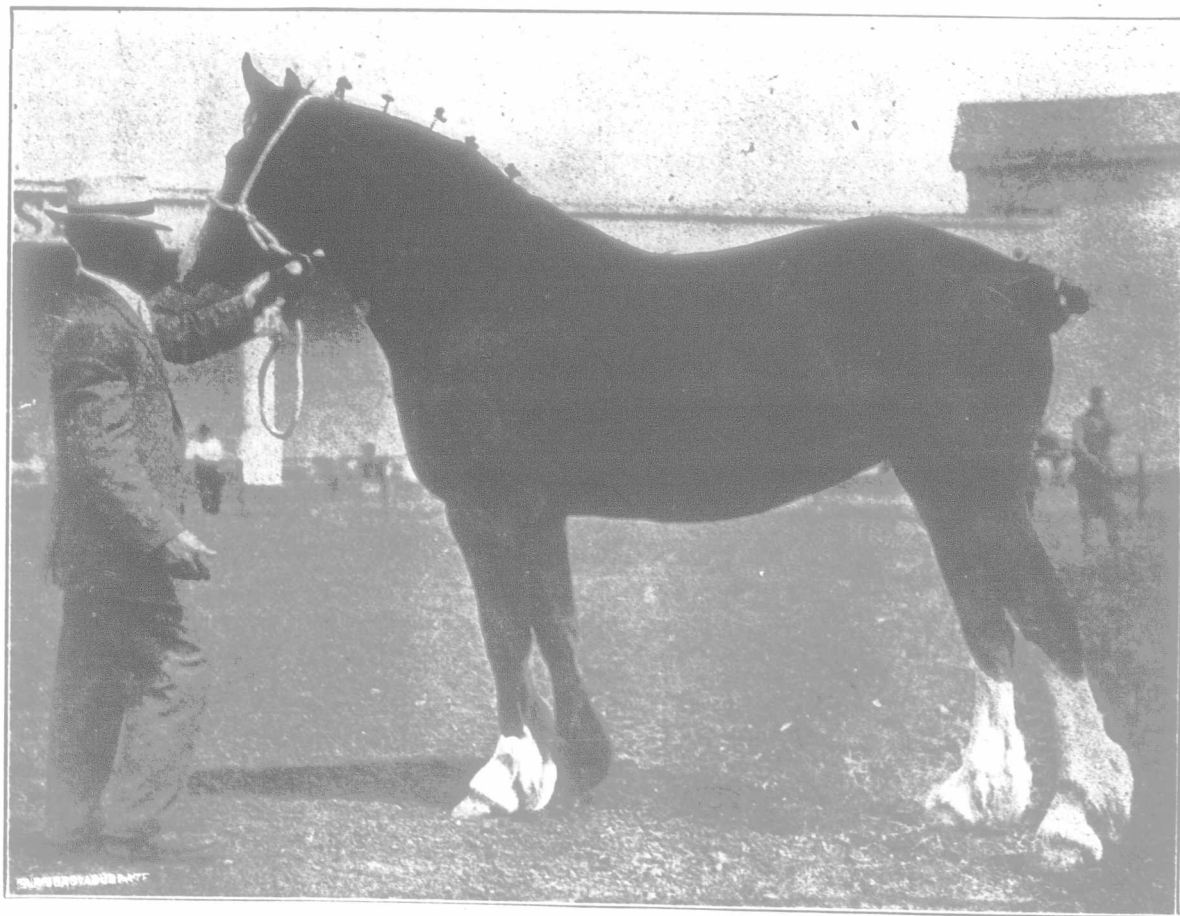
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HORSE

Observations on Horse Subjects

Size in Clydesdales came in for due recognition in the judging at the Winnipeg Industrial this year. Some exhibitors may be inclined to think

it was too much emphasized by the gentleman from Oklahoma. He usually lined up his winners with a good big one at the top, and didn't stick to "quality" as close as some judges who have officiated at Western Canadian fairs. In the opinion of those who judge the Clyde irrespective of what he is above the knee or hock, Mr. Carter, in some cases, was clearly in error in making his selections in the order he did. To others, who were not so badly biased on "quality" and who know something of what the men want who work the draft horses on our farms and in our cities, he did pretty nearly the right thing. As a matter of fact, Clydesdale men have been working this quality gag about long enough. Somebody some generations back originated a saying that bids fair to persist as long as the Scotch breed Clydesdales, and force the world to believe that what they breed is what it needs. "No foot, no horse," goeth this time-worn maxim, and men will stand around a horse ring squinting at a Clydesdale's feet and pasterns and talking "quality" until one's nerves are racked. It's time we got the notion that size is of equal importance to quality in the Clydesdale horse. It's time some of us came to see the force of the more modern maxim, "No top, no price," to be credited, we think, to Jimmy Johnstone. From the standpoint of the horse user there is more to be said in favor of the latter than the former. Big, sound feet, clean, flat bone, straight going and a reasonable degree of "flash" in the way of action are all very desirable qualities, but combined with that there has to be scale. This country wants sound, big, draft horses, not super-quality little ones with four or five hundred pounds less weight than they ought to have. This fact cannot be pounded in too thoroughly. Quality is needed, all the quality that can be carried; but quality is only one factor in the making of the draft horse. The Scotch are credited with having once all but bred the teats off their Ayrshires, because teats protruding from the udder were offensive in the sight of fanciers who wanted animals with perfectly straight underlines. It is sometimes suspected that Shorthorns have deteriorated in milk production since Cruickshank's time, deterioration being due to the way the prizewinning kind were reared and managed, and, occasionally the suggestion is made that Clydesdales are getting smaller because those responsible for the making of the type are "cranky" on "quality." Consequently, a "jolt" once in a while, just to emphasize the fact that size is a draft attribute, will not do the breed any particular



APPROVED TYPE OF CLYDESDALE FEMALE
This Year's Mavoresse, won for Traynor Bros. at Winnipeg