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Seed Wheat Premiums.

Read carefully and act promptly in order to secure a quantity of either of our Premium Seed Wheats—Dawson's Golden Chaff or Early White Leader—offered as per announcement on another page. One of the essentials of success in winter wheat growing is to select a large-yielding variety of good quality. In both respects these two wheats stand pre-eminently high. A little time in any locality devoted to securing new subscribers for the FARMER'S ADVOCATE will obtain sufficient seed to make a grand start with either or both of these sorts, and under ordinary circumstances next season's crop will afford the grower sufficient to sow his total wheat acreage, with some to spare at a good figure for others in the neighborhood. Read the announcement, and send in the new names before our supply is exhausted.

The New British Minister of Agriculture.



RIGHT HON. WALTER HUME LONG.

The new President of the British Board of Agriculture, whose portrait appears herewith, is the youngest member of the present Salisbury Cabinet, being some 40 years old. His father and grandfather were also members of Parliament, in which he has sat for fifteen years. His home is at Rood Ashton, Wilts, and Wraxhall, Somerset. He is the eldest son of the late Mr. Richard Penruddocke Long, by Charlotte Anne, only daughter of the Right Hon. Wentworth Fitzwilliam Hume-Dick, of Hume Wood, County Wicklow. He was born in 1854, and was educated at Harrow and Christ Church, Oxford. He married, in 1878, Lady Dorothy Blanche, fourth daughter of the ninth Earl of Cork. He is a J. P. and D. L. for Wiltshire, a J. P. for Somerset, and a captain and hon. major in the Wilts Yeomanry Cavalry. Mr. Long was member for North Wilts from 1880 to 1885, and for the Devizes District of Wilts from 1885 to 1892. Being unseated at the general election of 1892, he was subsequently elected for the West Derby Division of Liverpool. In 1896 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board, and occupied that post until 1892. He is the owner of landed estates in England and Ireland, and is said to have distinguished himself by the ability with which he has represented the interests of agriculturists in the House of Commons. Canadians will watch with interest the course he pursues as it relates to live stock interests in this portion of the Empire, notably in connection with the embargo against our cattle.

Interest in the latter subject is revived by the alleged discovery of "pleuro" in one or two Canadian cattle landed at Deptford on the Hurona from Montreal on July 10th. There was apparently nothing wrong with the cattle prior to slaughter, but the "vets." reported discovering affected lungs afterwards. Cable despatches state that the matter was not brought before the attention of the Canadian representatives until it was too late to make an independent examination. This "discovery" will help those who desire to see the embargo maintained, and a section of the British press is certainly making the most of it in reading a sharp lesson to Hon. Mr. Long just as he is getting into harness.

At the same time it is worthy of remark that a determined effort is to be made by the Scotch feeders to obtain the removal of the embargo. A joint meeting of the Glasgow, Dundee and Aberdeen authorities is being held, with a view to approach the new President of the Board of Agriculture to urge that, as Belgium is removing its embargo, the British Government should do the same, at all events till Christmas, as a test. Regarding the alleged new cases discovered, it is felt impossible that the disease should exist in Canada without showing itself before now.

Letter from the Dominion Live Stock Inspector.

SIR,—The following copy of a cablegram is all the information I have about the reported pleuropneumonia discovery at London:—

"Hurona arrived at Deptford on July 10th. Nothing noticed amiss with animals on landing. After slaughter lungs of two animals were regarded by Veterinary Inspector as being affected with pleuro-pneumonia. Diagnosis confirmed by Officers Board of Agriculture."

We have all necessary information to enable us to trace the entire shipment if necessary. The fact of no notice having been given to Sir Charles Tupper, or anyone representing Canada, indicates a want of confidence in their diagnosis.

In my opinion, we are likely to find it another blunder on their part. It cannot be otherwise, as the disease does not exist in Canada; therefore, could not be exported from here; nor could the contagious form of the disease arise spontaneously on the voyage. They may have found a case of transit pneumonia, but not of contagious pleuropneumonia.

Mr. W. Hunting, F. R. C. V. S., is the veterinarian usually employed by Sir Charles Tupper as an expert, representing Canada at British ports; but neither were notified.

Montreal, Aug. 12th. D. McEACHRAN.

The Western Crops.

Before this issue is in the hands of our readers the harvest will be in full blast throughout Manitoba and the West. Barley and some oats were cut as early as August 1st, while a few very early patches of wheat were cut about the 5th inst.

The general crop, while it will not turn out quite so heavy as at one time promised, will be above the average, and with the prospect of fair prices, the future looks more favorable for the agriculturist than for many a long day.

There is the usual talk in the city papers about the great scarcity of laborers to take off the crop, but we fancy most farmers will manage somehow to take off their harvest with the help they have rather than pay big wages in hard cash to men imported for the occasion.

The potato crop promises to be enormous. The hay crop has been rather light in most districts, though it thickened up wonderfully the last week or so before being cut.

STOCK.

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

The Exhibition of 1895, while in many respects the most successful yet held by the Association, was certainly the most unfortunate as to weather.

CATTLE AT THE WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The display of cattle at this show was such as to call out general expressions of surprise and satisfaction. Surprise that a comparatively new country could in so short a time show such a grand collection of high-class animals, and satisfaction that such a solid foundation has been laid for the improvement of the live stock of the Prairie Province.

When we reflect that only comparatively few of the well-established herds in the Province were represented, and that many small herds have in them single animals, and some more than one, of superior merit which were not sent up for examination, we may rest assured that there is a leaven of good blood at work which will show its influence in future years in raising the standard of production both in regard to beef and to dairy produce.

The expert judges from Ontario who passed judgment upon the various classes, Mr. James Russell, on Beef breeds, and Mr. J. C. Snell, on Dairy breeds, spoke in high terms of praise of the general excellence of the animals shown, and in many cases had considerable difficulty in deciding between those of nearly equal merit.

SHORTHORNS.

The show of Shorthorns was the largest yet seen here, totalling over seventy entries, and the quality was generally of a high order, with very few inferior specimens. The bulls were especially meritorious, showing that Manitoba breeders realize the importance of keeping sires of sterling character at the head of their herds, knowing that the sire has a commanding influence in marking and making a uniform herd.

The call for bulls three years old and over brought out nine entries, all of which were of more than average merit, even in show-yard company, and when three had been selected for the prize list there were at least three others that were worthy of high commendation. The first place was generally conceded to Purvis Thompson's red-roan three-year-old, "Hilliary," bred by Mr. Redmond; a bull of smooth, even flesh, with neat head and horns, strong crops and well-sprung ribs, and brought out in fine condition. The second place was given to John G. Barron's Topman, a red three-year-old, bred by Messrs. Russell, of Richmond Hill, Ont.; sired by Stanley, and dam by Vice-Consul, two crosses of sweepstakes bulls which have made their mark in the records of prize-winning Shorthorns in Canada and the United States. Topman, while somewhat plain in his head and light in brisket, has an uncommonly smooth and thickly-fleshed carcass, with fine handling qualities and straight top and bottom lines, standing well on his legs, and showing strongly the characteristics of the favorite modern type of the breed. Mr. Lister's roan Gravesend's Heir 2nd, imported in dam (a favorite with many good judges outside the ring, who, from their standpoint, would have placed him higher) was awarded third prize. He is a good big bull, with straight lines and long, smooth quarters, a well-filled brisket and deep flanks, and stands for a good representative of the herd in good company anywhere.

The ring for two-year-old bulls was filled by four very useful ones, among which was J. Lawrence & Sons' Indian Warrior, a son of Indian Chief, bred by Arthur Johnston. This was the winner of the grand sweepstakes prize at the Columbian Exhibition for best bull under one year, of the beef breeds. He was an exceedingly good calf and gave promise of making a better bull than he is, but has evidently been overdone at some stage of his life, and though having many good qualities would not take high rank in first-class company. Yet he was considered good enough for first place in his class. And Mr. Andrew Graham's red-roan Manitoba Chief, by the same sire and from the same breeder, was a worthy second. Mr. Thomas Fraime's Dennis Chief taking third place.

There were four very good yearling bulls entered, and the first prize went to A. and G. Chadburn's Sir Victor, by (imp.) Royal Don, a handsome, straight, red and white bull, showing much promise