

a ton horse fit for any show ring. He is by Sir Walter and out of a Bold Boy mare. These two won first and second at Macgregor fair. "Daisy Bell," Purves Thomson's well known mare, and her colt have recently been purchased.

The old stock bull, "Caesar," has been disposed of, but his impress has been stamped on all the young stock. They are all straight in their lines and low down. Some of the heifers are rather on the small side, owing to being bred to calve at two years of age to develop their milking propensity, but the lot are mostly big and stylish. A large lot of prizes were taken at Macgregor, including first, second and third for bull calves.

A recent purchase is Marchioness Pilgrim, bred by Purves Thomson, from the same family that helped make Sir Wm. C. Van Horne's herd. He is a remarkably perfect roan, ten months old. Also has been secured, Marchioness 12th, which at one time was considered to be superior to Marchioness 14th, the famous grand champion for two years. The other cow purchased is Rosebud Leaf, a fine 1,800 lb. cow. Each have bull calves at foot.

The number of Clydesdales exported from the old country since this year opened is close to 1,300, principally to Canada. Among shipments for the week ending October 15th were: To Oswald Sorby, Guelph, 20 head; to Dr. McEachran, Ormstown, Que., 11; to John A. Turner, Calgary, Alta., 33; to Bryce Wright, De Winton, Alta., 7; to K. A. Roberts, Vancouver, B. C., 8; to Jas. Urquhart, Vancouver, 9.

Four hundred and twenty-five guineas (\$2,125) was the price paid for a pair of Shire geldings at the autumn horse sale at Crewe, England, last month, where 1,450 horses were disposed of by auction, totalling over \$50,000. The highest price for a gelding was \$1,125, for a horse purchased by F. Lowndes, for Illinois, U. S.

J. B. Hogate, Weston, Ont., has recently sold the following Percherons: To Richard Roseburgh, Chatham, Ont., the big black two-year-old stallion Inceste (81949), sire Cambrai (62150), and to Jacob Swalm, Nottawa, Ont., another, the good, black two-year-old Imola 1607, sire Pirus (59613), the first named weighing, when shipped, 1,785 lbs., and the second 1,700 lbs., certainly good weights for two-year-olds, and neither of them fat. Mr. Hogate's horses are all doing well, and he states prospects for business were never better. A shipment has just come to his Brandon stables.

GOSSIP

ALBERTA HORSE BREEDERS MEET

At a meeting of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association, held at Calgary, it was decided to hold the next spring horse show on April 18th to 21st. There was a good turn out of the directors. The meeting decided to send a delegation, consisting of the president, Mr. Geo. Lane and the secretary, to meet the minister of agriculture with reference to an adequate grant for next year's show. It was decided to ask the department of agriculture to change the inspection of brands so as to permit of purebred and registered horses being shipped from point to point in Alberta, or exhibition horses from one exhibition to another, without the necessity of their being inspected for brands.

ALBERTA LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONVENTION

The Alberta Local Improvement districts convention was held at Red Deer, Alta., on November 23 and 24. A large delegation was present from the various municipalities throughout the province. Much business was transacted throughout the sessions. The importance of good roads for the province was well dwelt upon. Mr. James Bower, Red Deer, president of the United Farmers' Association of Alberta, was the principal speaker on this score. He thought to improve conditions in the country we should first find fault with the present con-

ditions. To his mind some of the road building to-day was too expensive; that is, they spent too much money for the result obtained, the grade being faulty, or the drainage not proper. He favored improved transportation, both railway and road. He took issue with the government on the policy of increased population, claiming that if money spent in advertising was used for local improvement purposes, that settlers we now had would be better satisfied and would eventually be a far better advertisement than at present. He claimed that the farmers let self-interested parties do their thinking and talking for them. He also considered that the automobiles were monopolizing the country roads too much, without proper return.

A large number of resolutions were passed to be presented to the government. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. Mason, Bon Accord; vice-president, H. Greenfield, Edison; secretary-treasurer, Jas. McNichol, Blackfalds; directors, F. L. Moorehouse, Calgary; E. Hillier, Twin Butte; E. J. Fream, Innisfail; J. O. Schultz, Strathmore; D. A. Kennedy, Vegreville; E. Pinchbrek, Winterburn; H. W. Bright, Macleod.

Calgary was chosen as the place of the next annual meeting.

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culpable the latter might be, since the companies would continue the case in the courts until the farmer was submerged by the costs. The request of the resolution is that the law should be amended so that it will be easier for the farmer to collect damages in cases where the railway companies were liable and that the railway companies should be required to take greater precaution than at present to prevent such fires. The resolution was sent to the railway commission for consideration.

Principal Black, of the agricultural college, spoke at some length on the question of noxious weeds. The eradication of noxious weeds in Manitoba he felt was largely a matter of education. "Teach the farmers," he said, "the danger of permitting their farms to become dirty, and the best manner of keeping them clean." The municipalities should be careful in their selection of men for the posts of inspection, and having chosen them should see that they had every chance of learning their duties. The agricultural college purposes to put on a short course on weed eradication, and every inspector should be given a chance to attend. Then, too, he thought the farmers themselves should co-operate and give their assistance and support in the work. Principal Black pointed out some of the difficulties encountered and the importance of the work, for it meant money in the pockets of every farmer. The question of the responsibility rested largely on the individual, who should realize it. One thing he suggested was that sheep were of inestimable value in cleaning away weeds, for there were only a few varieties that sheep would not eat and thrive on. The others could be easily looked after. The agricultural college was doing much, and he invited everyone to take advantage of its experience.

On the evening of the second day of the convention a banquet was tendered the delegates by the people of St. Boniface. In the early part of the evening the resolution from the Manitoba Good Roads Association was put before the assembly, after having been discussed by the general committee. The resolution dealt with the building, maintenance and improvement of public roads by rural municipalities by a scheme of taxation, which was not to exceed three per cent. of the total assessable value of the property of the municipality, the term to run for thirty years, the government to guarantee the bonds or stock when certified to by the municipal commissioner, or by an annual levy of uniform rate to cover the cost of improvement or construction undertaken each year, or in the case of large bridges or structures of a permanent character costing more than \$300 that the department of public works for the province pay a sum equal to one-half of the expenditure. There were twelve clauses to the resolution, which, with



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one exception, were passed with slight amendments.

The last day of the convention was charged with much important business. A motion was passed to donate the sum of \$100 to the funds of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

A motion by the retiring president, that the whole of the municipal act be revised, was next presented and passed. It was suggested that this work be done by a commission, and that the Manitoba union should be represented on the commission.

It was also passed that the union should take up the question of telephone interchange rates between the government lines and municipally-owned systems.

NINETTE SANATORIUM

Dr. Stewart gave a most interesting talk on the Ninette sanatorium, which was enthusiastically received. He said that since the opening in May 77 patients had been admitted. Of these 34 were still in the sanatorium. The full capacity of the institution was at present about 150 patients a year.

It had been found that many cases were sent which were beyond hope of recovery. The sanatorium was not equipped to handle that style of cases. It was for the people in whom, if the disease were arrested, there was a chance of recovery. Patients who had no hope of recovery could be better looked after and would be more comfortable in their homes or the general hospitals. Many applications for admission were in hand and within a fortnight about 20 more would be admitted.

NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS

The officers elected for next year were: President, Reeve R. Forke, Pipestone; vice-president, Reeve R. G. Willis, Morton; secretary-treasurer, Councillor Carsdale, of Blanshard;

executive, Controller R. D. Waugh, Winnipeg; Mayor J. F. Blean, St. Boniface. Reeve C. E. Ivens, Wallace; Reeve Chas. Poole, Archie; Reeve A. E. Hill, Sifton; Reeve R. W. Woods, Macdonald and Reeve J. C. Cousins, Daly.

Brandon was decided as the place for holding next year's convention.

MANITOBA SEED FAIRS

Roland.	Dec. 1 and 2
Swan Lake.	Dec. 6
Headingley.	Dec. 6
Carman.	Dec. 8
Treberne.	Dec. 8
Modern.	Dec. 9
Morden.	Dec. 9
Russell.	Dec. 15
Birtle.	Dec. 16

FARM NEWS

A flax mill has been started at Birtle, Man.

The Manitoba Gazette of November 19 contains notice that the La Riviere Farmers' Elevator Company, Limited, are to dispose of their elevator and wind up affairs.

The Franklin Grain Growers' Association has been increasing its co-operative buyings considerably this season. Two carloads of twine, one of flour and feed, and one of apples, besides a considerable quantity of small fruit, have been already secured in this way and they have two more carloads of flour and feed on order. Needless to say the association has found this method of business profitable, or they would not continue it.—Neepawa News.

During the last three months prairie wolves have created havoc on the farms of the Baldur district. Packs are in the district north of town. The latest estimate places the number of sheep and lambs killed by them at