

the larger exhibitions. Of the four animals shown, every one would be a credit to any show-ring. The first place was won by Stephen Benson, Neepawa, on a massive, thick-fleshed animal of splendid Shorthorn character. A very close second was J. C. Einborden's entry, a low-set, thick fellow, rather better behind the shoulder than the Benson bull, but scarcely his equal in quality. The third and fourth places were won by Peaker Bros. on two smooth-bodied bulls, whose only faults were not outstanding ones. In yearling bull, Jno. F. Reid, Yorkton, had a very fair animal, and in bull calves, Einborden was first and Peaker Bros. second.

The aged cow class was the best filled of the lot, there being ten to come forward. Einborden secured the first on a beautiful smooth matron of more than ordinary merit. The second went to Benson on a heifer, low-set and thick in the body and of the type that wins in Shorthorn circles. In heifers two years old, Einborden was again first, and T. W. Smith second. For yearling heifers, the order was Einborden and Benson, and for best herd, Einborden was the winner, while for best bull any age, Benson had things his own way. There was a large showing of grade beef cattle, the principal exhibitors being Jas. Williams, Peaker Bros., Einborden and F. Bull.

In milch breeds, W. Kilburn, Yorkton, had a very nice herd of Jerseys.

The show of swine was very fair, some nice bacon hogs being on exhibition. For aged boar, T. W. Smith won first and T. A. Kirkland second. Sow over one year found Smith again in the lead, with T. H. Lowes, Yorkton, second. For sow under one year, Chrysler was first and Wm. Kittle second, and for young boar, Kittle was first, while Bull Bros. captured a similar place for sow and litter.

The exhibit of grain, both in the bag and green in the sheaf, together with grasses, roots, vegetables, fruits, etc., made a very good showing in a large tent, which had been pitched for the purpose. The exhibit of brome grass was particularly praiseworthy. In another tent there was a very good show of ladies' fancywork, photographs, maps, etc., which proved fully that in the great rush for gold Yorkton people are not altogether neglecting the finer arts.

Pilot Mound Fair.

The annual fair of Pilot Mound (Mountain Agricultural Society No. 11.) was held under highly favorable weather conditions on the 16th of July. In every respect, the show was a good one. There was a fair number of entries in all classes, and the quality of the animals exhibited was of a high standard. In the cattle classes, the Shorthorns took the premier place in numbers, but a good class and a fair number of grades was shown. The judges in the cattle classes were Messrs. Donald Clark, W. Manning and W. Cocherline, all of Pilot Mound. The awards were well placed in every instance, and the exhibitors seemed well pleased with the decisions. Mr. John Elson acted as director in charge in the cattle ring.

The horses were an excellent show, both in the heavy and light classes. Excellent teams and very fine brood mares and foals were shown in the agricultural and general purposes classes. The judges of the heavy horses were Messrs. John Sandereoch and A. Lawson, The director in charge was Mr. W. Elster.

The sheep and pigs were judged by Mr. Geo. Mutch. There was a good show of sheep, twelve pens in all being forward. In short-wool classes, Mr. R. B. Preston's pen took three firsts and one second, and Mr. R. S. Preston was awarded two firsts and one second. Mr. W. Fleming's pen of long-wool sheep took seven first tickets and two seconds.

Mr. R. S. Preston took all the honors in pigs, winning four first tickets and one second.

Poultry was an excellent show. The principal exhibitors were Messrs. R. B. Duff and R. B. Preston. The judge was Mr. John Elsey.

There was an excellent show of grain, and, considering the season of the year, there was a very creditable display of vegetables. Mrs. Elsey was fortunate in following up her success at Crystal City by taking a large number of tickets.

There were nineteen entries in butter, and the quality was excellent. The fair on a whole was a great success, and the managers deserve credit for bringing it to a successful issue.

Stonewall Fair.

On the 15th and 16th of July the Rockwood Agricultural Society attempted their first summer show, all previous shows being held in the fall. The show was all that could be expected for this time of the year, the number of horses exhibited being very satisfactory. Mr. Lund, the secretary, and the directors deserve credit for the way it was managed.

In the garden products, Mrs. J. A. McMillan and A. Matheson won most of the prizes. The majority of the grain prizes were won by Jas. A. Mitchell. Mrs. Wood, Miss Bruce and Mrs. Dr. McLeod carried off the chief honors in the ladies' department, and Mr. Holloway did the same for the house flowers. (See prize-list in Gossip column.)

Minnedosa Fair.

The directors who so energetically carried out the twenty-first annual exhibition at Minnedosa, on July 16th and 17th, have good reason to be satisfied with the result of their efforts. For a few years the society has not enjoyed the measure of success with their summer show which they deserved. The number of entries were comparatively small, and the people of the surrounding country, upon whose co-operation the success of the show depended, took but little interest. Not more than a year ago, however, it occurred to a few men that the town of Minnedosa, being in the center of a flourishing agricultural district, should be able to support and carry on an up-to-date exhibition. Accordingly, a special effort was put forth to elicit the co-operation of all classes, and the outcome was that one of the best shows of live stock ever seen outside of Winnipeg and Brandon, by Manitoba people, was inspected by many hundreds in the beautiful show grounds in the valley of the Little Saskatchewan. Not only was this show a success in exhibits and attendance, but it was clean in every respect. Frivolous attractions were nowhere, and the fakes were not within its gates. Not, however, because he did not attempt to gain an entrance, for he did, and that with a good handful of money, but the directors had no desire to obtain money in this way, at the expense of their people. For their stand in this matter, the "Farmer's Advocate" desires to place on record its best appreciation. The directors of Minnedosa Society are on the right track, and if their exhibition does not grow and flourish it will be because the people have not learned the value of a well-conducted exhibition.

HORSES.

The exhibit of horses far exceeded the expectations of the directors, as well as those who came out to see. All together, there were over 170 specimens of the equine race to come before the judge, Dr. McGillivray, Binscarth, whose decisions were received with the greatest satisfaction. In heavy draft stallions, four very fair horses came out, the first prize going to a well-quartered Clydesdale shown by H. Gourley, Minnedosa. Another of the same breed, owned by Sam McLean, Franklin, came second, and a very fair specimen of Suffolk Punch third. Sam McLean had the only Hackney stallion, but he was a very fair one. For best registered draft brood mare, A. Wilson, Minnedosa, was first, and Jno. Scott, Minnedosa, second. Unregistered brood mares found W. Card, Neepawa, first, and Hugh McNabb, Basswood, second. In three-year-olds, the standing was McLean and Gourley, and for two-year-olds the order was alternated. Some nice foals were shown in this class, A. Wilson getting first and Hugh McNabb second.

Large entries were made in all the sections for general purpose horses, and the ring of teams to harness presented a magnificent sight. Newdale, Man., got the chief honors, Ed. Mandley being first on a beautiful pair of grays, as clean in the limbs as ever horses were made, and Geo. Denison second. Hugh Gourley and Jno. Scott had the two best brood mares, and for three-year-olds, Scott and C. W. Fisher, Minnedosa, won in the order named. Ed. Hodgson and H. Dyer, Minnedosa, had the two best two-year-olds, and for foals, Elias Jones and Hugh Gourley were the winners.

Notwithstanding that draft horses are most numerous and doubtless most useful in this district, there was a nice exhibit of light and graceful steppers, and in the carriage class a good show was made. For best span, Jas. Irwin was first, and H. Gourley came next. In brood mares, Alex. Cameron and A. G. Bedome were the winners, and in the order as named. Elias Jones had a good three-year-old, and H. Dyer and Jno. Ralston, Rapid City, a promising pair one year younger. For best yearling, T. D. Taylor stood first, and Ed. Williamson second; and for foals, Taylor was again first, with Thos. A. Mellor second.

The best Roadster team was found in Jas. Brown's pair, and the second went to H. Dyer. F. McG. Davies had the best single driver, and W. A. Hillard, V. S., second. In brood mares, Geo. Fraser was first, and Ed. Williams second. J. L. Wilson had the best three-year-old, and Burgess & McQuarrie the second. In foals, Thos. O. Mellor led, and H. Gourley was next.

CATTLE.

Minnedosa had a cattle show this year of which she should be proud. The entries amounted to fully one hundred, and the quality was very good indeed. No one could inspect this show without being convinced that the farmers of that country were gradually realizing the benefits to be derived from mixed farming, in which live stock play an important part. The judging in this class was done by W. J. Black, editor of the "Farmer's Advocate," and inasmuch as exhibitors may have differed with his placing, they all accepted the decisions with good grace.

In a report of this length, it is almost impossible to comment upon the different rings in an intelligible way. In some cases the contest for honors was very keen, and even the winner of second and sometimes third place had good reason to be proud of his entry. Bulls three years or over were a fair lot. S. Benson, Neepawa, had his Yorkton winner, and again took the palm. Geo. Fraser, Minnedosa, had a thick-fleshed, square fellow that was placed second, and O. E. Hole, Minnedosa, a strong-backed animal that made a close third.

In two-year-olds, Higgins Bros. and Jas. McEwan, Minnedosa, stood in the order named. Yearlings brought O. E. Hole to the front, with Geo. Fraser second, and in bull calves, Hole was again first and Geo. Little second.

The finest ring of the cattle show was that for cows three years or over. No less than thirteen came out, and many good ones had to go away unplaced. Geo. Little, Neepawa, had a few grand matrons, and managed to capture both first and second honors. These were a magnificent pair of cows. The first prize could be faulted for being a little patchy at the tail-head, but otherwise she was an ideal of Shorthorn perfection, carrying a remarkable weight with wonderful grace. In three-year-old heifers, A. R. Douglas and Eph. Orr, both of Franklin, stood in the order named. Geo. Little was winner of both first and second in yearlings, and first in heifer calf, O. E. Hole being in second place.

The chief contestants for the herd prize were Little and Benson, and both had reason to think they might be first. The former had three magnificent females, but his bull was quite young. The latter, on the other hand, had a bull that was fit to head almost any herd and a trio of females, although not equal to the other herd, yet showing good Shorthorn character. Considering that the bull is nearly half the herd, the judge could not have done otherwise under the circumstances than place Benson first. The same exhibitor also got the diploma for best bull any age.

In grade cattle, there was a grand show, and Geo. Little had an unusually fine lot. D. B. Ross, Minnedosa, also had some good ones, and secured a number of prizes.

The only dairy cattle at the fair was a herd of Jerseys shown by G. A. Turner, Minnedosa, but they were very fair in quality.

SWINE.

Berkshires formed the principal exhibit of swine. Jas. M. Ewans had a fine herd, full of breeding and quality. A. R. Douglas also had a few, and secured some prizes. L. E. Hutchinsan, Minnedosa, showed a number of Tamworths of choice bacon type, and Geo. Creasor a Yorkshire boar that could win in good company.

A few sheep were shown by Hugh Gourley, Hugh Cameron and Arch. Cameron, all of Minnedosa.

In the agricultural hall, a splendid display of grains, in the bag and in the sheaf; grasses, roots, vegetables, flowers, dairy products and ladies' fancywork of all kinds was to be seen. In many of these classes the show was amazing for this season, and only goes to prove that Minnedosa need not take a second place to any similar town, provided her people continue to hustle.

Electricity in Farming.

In the application of electricity to everyday work, Germany has, perhaps, gone further than any other nation. Electrically heated and operated cooking and laundry apparatus is in common use there, but the most striking single development is the electrical farm. Take, for example, Professor Backhaus's estate near Quednau, in Eastern Prussia, which is only one of a large number of German estates run by electricity.

The Quednau farm covers 450 acres, and its dairy handles 1,000 gallons of milk daily. Every part of this farm is lighted by electricity, and is in telephone communication with every other part. The dairy has an electrical churn; the barn contains electrically operated feed and carrot cutting machines, and even the grindstone is turned by a small belt from the shaft connected with the barn motor. The water-pumping apparatus is run by electricity; all the buildings are lighted by incandescent lamps, and there is an electrical pipe lighter at the doors of all the houses. This farm has also its own threshing and grist mill, the machinery of which is turned by a current from the miniature central station, and, finally, there is a small sawmill, which gets its power from the same station. On the farm are all kinds of electrical agricultural machines, including an automobile plow, all run by batteries charged from sub-stations in the fields.

The power for all these various operations—lighting, heating, telephones, churning, cutting, grinding, pumping, threshing and sawing—comes from a 50-horse-power stationary engine moving two dynamos. From this station the power is distributed to the parts of the farm, and the switch-board is so plainly marked that the commonest farmhand can regulate the supply to fit the need. At Crottorf a number of small farms have grouped to support one station, and have their work done by it.

Such plants as these do more than merely lighten farm labor—fewer workmen are needed and greater profits are possible, and the whole business of farming is made more attractive. The barnyard is lighted by an arc light; night work in the fields is possible when it is necessary; the stables are warmed in winter and ventilated in summer by the turning of a switch; indeed, the entire farm runs like a machine at the call of the electric current.—[The World's Work.]