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THE EXHIBITION.

One week from Monday the Winnipeg exhibition for 1902 will be opened to the public. This annual event is growing rapidly in importance as an advertisement of the west and of western products. This year promises to be the best yet in many ways and it certainly will be in point of attendance from the United States as large crowds of people will be brought in from across the line, as far south as Minneapolis. A great many exhibits are also being entered from the United States, particularly in the live stock classes.

The arrangements for the exhibition are now pretty well advanced and a large staff of clerks and employees is busy closing up the various details of preparation. An immense quantity of advertising matter has been sent out this year and the office staff is still busy mailing programmes, circulars, and preparing all necessary papers for exhibitors.

The grounds and buildings have been greatly improved this year and additional facilities for handling large crowds are being provided in the shape of new entrances, new sidewalks, booths, dining halls, etc. The main building has been practically remodelled and will be a much more attractive resort than in past years. The sporting programme is if anything, more attractive than ever and this feature of the show is getting all the prominence that the most exacting visitor could ask. Besides the competitive events there will be the usual acrobatic performances, specialties, fireworks, etc. The art department is also receiving special attention this year and will be graced with specimens of work of several of our best Canadian artists. Undoubtedly the most important feature of the exhibition this year will be the live stock display. An unprecedented number of entries have been made in this class and many of the finest herds in both Canada and the United States will be represented. The American breeders are interesting themselves in this department for the reason that they hope to do some business in Western Canada hereafter among the settlers who are moving in such large numbers from south of the line. These people must all be

stocked with cattle and will, no doubt, buy largely in the United States.

The transportation arrangements for the exhibition are most complete this year. The railway companies are granting the usual low rates and arranging special excursions into the city from all parts of the province during the week, and there will also be excursions from the south. A large party of United States bankers is expected on one of the days of the week.

The only feature of the exhibition that is giving any concern is the ability of the city to lodge the large crowds which will attend. There is certainly room for another large hotel here. The crowded state of the city hotels at all times is evidence that there is not the same amount of accommodation available this year as usual. However, those who make this their business are sparing no expense to provide for visitors and ways and means will no doubt be found for making everybody comfortable.

CANADIAN TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Canada is certainly to be excused for indulging in the quiet satisfaction of



A Unique Spectacle in Winnipeg—20

a grin at the suddenness and earnestness with which the manufacturing and trading classes of the United States have begun to seek closer trade relationship and tariff arrangements with this country. The time is not so very long past when the United States was the only country on the map of North America in the eyes of its citizens and many of them have yet to make considerable alteration in their perspective before they will have a true conception of the relative importance of these two countries. They are making rapid progress, however, and it may be that before long we will witness the spectacle of deputations from the government of that country knocking at the doors of our parliamentary buildings at Ottawa and seeking to make trade arrangements with us, a thing which Canadian politicians have done at Washington in the not very distant past, and, by the way, it was very scant attention they received. Many of the press writers who are to-day discussing this subject in the leading periodicals of the United States seem to assume, with their usual degree of assurance, that it only needs a word from their government to cause the tariff barriers which

Canada has erected against that country to fall down. They will probably find, however, when the day of decision comes that Canada will want substantial concessions from them in return for the desired tariff changes.

A UNIQUE SPECTACLE.

The illustration given on this page presents what was certainly a unique spectacle in Winnipeg, a herd of twenty elephants in line on Main Street. These were part of the excellent street parade of Ringling Bros.' circus which exhibited here last Saturday. The photo is by a leading local amateur, Geo. A. Lister.

Range Conditions.

Medicine Hat News: General conditions in the range country were never better than at the present time. Almost everything which would conduce to successful ranching is in evidence. The wet month of May, followed by copious rains in June, have made the prairie on a mass of glorious feed. This condition following the similar season of last year is producing a stand of grass such as we have never before had. The results of last year's natural seeding are also apparent. On many sections of the range the cattle came through the

The district is receiving its share of new settlers, all springing up in all directions. The extraordinary appearance of the country after the last rains, no doubt inspires the prospective settler with the idea that "was ever thus." The country is beautiful now. New settlers will profit by the experience of the old timers who know the climate, vagaries of the district, and will this year put up a plentiful supply of seed and manure in which nature had been assisting in providing it. Perhaps it keeps, and is a good thing to have.

Trains for Fair Week.

The C. P. R. announce the following special train service for exhibition week:

Tuesday, July 22, train leaves Manitoba 7 a. m., fare \$2.25; Thornhill, 7:55 a. m., fare \$2.00; Morden, 7:50 a. m., fare \$1.50; Winkler, 8:10 a. m., fare \$1.50; St. Louis, 8:30 a. m., fare \$1.50; Rosinfield, 8:55 a. m., fare \$1.50; Morris, 9:30 a. m., fare \$1.50; arriving at Winnipeg at 11:00 a. m. On Wednesday, July 23, train leaves Winnipeg at 8:10, fare \$2.00; Chater, 8:21, fare \$2.50; Douglas, 8:32, fare \$2.25; Sewell, 8:45, fare \$2.25; Carberry, 8:52, fare \$1.50; Sibley, 9:35, fare \$2.00; Austin, 9:52, fare \$1.75; Macgregor, 10:00, fare \$1.75; Bugeo, 10:30, fare \$1.75; Burnside, 10:34, fare \$1.75; arriving at Winnipeg 12:50, and good for all trains Wednesday.

Trains leaving Winnipeg 6:30, fare \$2.50; Franklin, 6:35, fare \$2.97; Neepawa, 7:20, fare \$2.25; Arden, 7:45, fare \$2.25; Keyes, 8:05, fare \$2.00; Gladstone, 8:25, fare \$1.75; Macdonald, 8:30, fare \$1.75; arriving at Winnipeg at 11:40, returning same day at 11:20.

On Wednesday the excursions will be from the following points: West Selkirk, leaving 8:30, fare 70c; Lower Port Garry, leaving 8:45, fare 70c; Victoria Park, 8:55, fare 50c; Parkdale, 9:00, fare 50c; Middlechurch, 9:16, fare 50c. Arriving at Winnipeg at 9:35, returning at 11:30 p. m. On same day train leaves Cypress Glenboro, 7:30, fare \$2.00; Cypress River, leave 8:35, fare \$2; Holland, 8:55, fare \$1.75; Treherne, leave 9:15, fare \$1.75; Rathwell, leave 9:18, fare \$1.75; Elm Creek, leave 10:20, fare \$1.50; Sturtevant, leave 11:55, fare 80c. Arriving at Winnipeg at 12:45 p. m., returning, leave Winnipeg at 11:30.

On Thursday train leaves Rat Portage at 8 a. m., fare \$2.50; Kowatin, leave 7:07, fare \$2.25; Kenelau, leave 8:45, fare \$2.25; Whittemouth, leave 9:25, fare \$1.75; Molen, leave 10:05, fare \$1.50; Beausour, leave 10:27, fare \$1.50; Tyndall, leave 10:42, fare 95c; Selkirk, leave 11, fare 65c. Arriving at Winnipeg at 11:50 a. m.; returning at 11:30 p. m. On same day train leaves Steenwall 9:20; Balmora, 9:30; Stony 9:37. Arriving Winnipeg at 10:20; returning leaves Winnipeg at 11:20 p. m.

On Friday train will leave Brandon at 10:00, leaving at 10:30 on Tuesday, can do so, and return by this train on Friday night.

Machinery Rates High.

Chicago, July 7.—Complaint has been made that the rates on farm machinery to the Northwest and the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads have not been taken into consideration in the recent reduction of general freight rates. July 80 per cent of the farm machinery which goes to the Northwest is from Chicago.

Farmers at intermediate points between the Minneapolis and the Pacific coast pay flat carload rates. The rate on this class of freight to Spokane only \$1.65, and to other shipping points, is 80¢ more than the rate on the coast points. It is also made a point that the rate to the coast from the eastern terminals of these roads to the coast of \$1.25 per one hundred pounds is above the rate on machinery, the rates from Chicago to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern are 20 cents lower than the Chicago rate, but still 10 cents above the through rate. Competition for through business is alleged to be the cause of higher rates to intermediate points.

Elephants in Line on Main Street.

winter in only fair condition, and suffered during the cold chilly winds of April. While the winter was an open one, it was probably not so favorable to stock as a winter when we have more snow and less variable weather. At the present time cattle are putting on flesh with wonderful rapidity, and are showing the effects of the luxurious and nutritious feed. Prospects were never better for hay, and with plenty of hay there is also being raised on many ranches crop by crop in broom-corn and grains, the ranchers taking advantage of the wet seasons to supplement the natural hay crop by a cultivated one. The fear of damage by prairie fires, somewhat minimized this year by the joint action of the Northwest government and the railway company in planting fireguards at the proper season of the year. Cattle prices this year are tip-top prices, and the best production has been pretty well bought up for later shipment. The storm losses reported from different parts of Alberta recently did not affect this part of the range. While we had losses following close in the wake of winter when the cattle were in the poorest condition, we have had favorable conditions since the end of April. A good calf crop is reported.

The shipping season never was better. The shipments of horses from Medicine Hat this year to date, are over double last year's total shipments. Good prospects and plenty of work in Manitoba and the eastern Territories make a good market for horses.