

For the next four years the annual exports and average farm values were, respectively, 203,000,000 bushels and 63 cents per bushel, 121,000,000 bushels and 69.5 cents, 44,000,000 bushels and 92.4 cents, and in 1905-6 the exports were 98,000,000 bushels and the farm value 74.8 cents per bushel. The value of wheat sent to Liverpool in this last-mentioned year and the freight costs along the way, expressed in averages applying to the United States as a whole, were:

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#### Fair at Portage a Success.

The Portage la Prairie rejuvenated fair held last week at the beautiful Exhibition Grounds on Island Park proved to be substantial improvement over previous attempts.

The general manager, Mr. Humber, was rushed all the time, keeping everything in order; also the board of directors did their share, looking after the different exhibits. The attendance at the grounds was about twelve thousand and as a result the fair can be called a financial success. Most classes of exhibits were exceptionally well filled.

Among the Clydesdale exhibits were Mr. Wm. Brown's aged stallion, "Lord Shapley, an international winner, and 1st prize here; also the winner of the Challenge cup presented by the *Free Press* for the best registered draft stallion, any breed or age. John Wishart had some excellent brood mares and colts, both in Clydesdales and Hackneys. Mr. Wishart deserves to be complimented upon his possession of such breeding stock, as he buys only the best imported animals to breed from.

Messrs. Carruth and Brown were also large exhibitors, securing quite a percentage of the red and blue cards. Mr. Carruth proves himself to be a capable judge of horseflesh by the class of stock he imports, as he had some good ones that he personally picked out in Scotland. Mr. Carruth was heard to remark that "a Scotchman didn't need to be intoxicated all the time in Scotland."

The display of heavy draft teams was large, Mr. John Wishart winning first and John McCowan second.

#### AGRICULTURAL CLASS.

The first prize for team was won by W. Wilton; second, J. McCartney; third, J. L. McCowan.

R. J. Tucker won the special cup given by P. J. Harwood for farmer's double turnout.

All the light classes had large entries.

#### SHORTHORN CATTLE.

Adamson Bros., of Gladstone, won first in the aged bull class; J. A. Fraser, second; and J. A. Nichol third. Messrs. T. E. Wallace, Fraser, and Nichol were the largest exhibitors in this class. Mr. Wallace has some exceptionally fine animals in good show condition, his two-year-old bull being a very fine specimen, winning the special prize for bull any age. Mr. Wallace won first on best herd, Mr. Nichol second and J. A. Fraser third.

#### HEREFORDS.

Mr. Jas. Bray had his string of Hereford cattle out, all in good condition, showing that they are getting good treatment. They practically secured all the first and second prizes.

#### POLLED ANGUS.

McGregor & Martin, Rounthwaite, were the only exhibitors in this class with their show herd and of course won all the prizes, but they would far rather have had some competition. Mr. Hay who was at Carman could have improved the show of doddies.

#### RED POLLS.

There was a small exhibit in quantity of Red Polls, as Glendenning Bros. had the only herd on the grounds, their three-year-old bull being a magnificent animal as also were the females shown by them.

The sheep exhibit was not a very large one, the

principal exhibitors being in Leicesters, A. J. McKay and Thos. Jasper. Oxford Downs, were shown by T. R. Todd, and Cotswolds by T. W. Brown & Sons.

The swine exhibitors were in Berkshires, Thos. Jasper Harding; improved Yorkshires, Oliver King of Wawanesa, who had over fifty hogs. Mr. King has a fine lot of Yorks, especially his three-year-old sow which weighs close to one thousand pounds. His herd will be at Winnipeg and Brandon, where he expects to have more competition. He also has some fine Tamworths as well.

Outside of the agricultural department the management supplied attractions in the way of amusement for the spectators. Some splendid horse racing and a continual circus show in front of Grand Stand were put on, which attractions seemed to draw the attentions of farmers as well as others. The usual number of side shows to catch the surplus change were in evidence; also some cases of pick-pocketing which always seems to follow the fairs.

Judging the live stock started on Tuesday and lasted until Thursday noon, and the grand parade of prize winners came at 1.30 p. m. Thursday. The competent judges in all classes seemed to give the best of satisfaction. The following are their names: Wm. Nichol, Brandon, heavy horses; A. G. Galbraith, Brandon, light horses; James Epule, Selkirk, beef cattle; Wm. Champion, of Reaburn, dairy cattle; James Gill, Neepawa, sheep and swine; Chas. Midwinter, Poultry; A. Dennison, Portage, dogs; and S. A. Bedford, Brandon, agricultural products.

The management put on fireworks both nights of fair, which cost them five hundred dollars. It seems a lot of money for the fun of it.

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#### Winnipeg Fair in Full Swing.

The Winnipeg Exhibition is in full swing this week and the display of agricultural products, live stock, etc., is somewhat in advance in the matter of bulk of the exhibitions of recent years. Special attention has been given to make the exhibits of grain, especially wheat, attractive—no easy matter by the way, but a most pleasing and impressive effect has been attained.

The show of horses is particularly strong. Clydesdales are numerous, of a wonderfully high quality and represent the best stables of the three provinces. In the fancy classes, such as high steppers, saddlers, combination, harness, etc., the exhibition is improved by the presence of representatives from Ontario, besides the additions that have been made to the stables of Manitoba fanciers by the competition stimulated at the Winnipeg horse show last month. A new ring is arranged for the judging of the fancy classes in front of the left wing of the grand stand, and although this is a great improvement, still the exhibitors and spectators are yet too far apart for the benefit of the one and the entertainment of the other class.

Our next week's issue will contain a complete report of the displays and we shall print a few extra numbers for the use of any of the exhibitors who may care to apply for them. Our tent is on the grounds at the Winnipeg fair and we shall also be found in our tent at the Brandon fair next week. We are busy men and women at fair times, but not too busy to shake hands with all of our friends who may look us up. Our tent will be at the service of our readers, who are welcomed to its shade for a short rest.

There has been considerable change in the personnel of the Shorthorn exhibitors since a few short years ago, and each year adds some new name to the list. This year we have a herd from Minnesota, C. E. Clarke's, which very much strengthens the show of cattle. Herefords and Angus maintain their excellent standards, while the Red Polls have added to their numbers.

Swine are very strong and the interest in them more keen than in former years.

#### Brandon Fair Next Week.

The Brandon Exhibition board has been making special efforts to add to the interest of its fair next week. There is a pleasure in visiting the Brandon fair. The restful coolness of the open park and the absence of the stress and bustle that are necessarily associated with the larger exhibition the week previous tend to add a charm and make the Western Manitoba exhibition as much of an outing as of a competition. The exhibits, however, promise to be large, as most of the best stock at Winnipeg will go forward.

Brandon is having a sort of an "old boys" time during the fair and the city promises itself a holiday during the week. The *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* tent will be on the ground where our readers will be welcomed, where they may enjoy a rest or arrange to meet their friends. We shall also have a complete review of the live stock, agricultural and machinery exhibits at the Winnipeg Exhibition these in our July 24th issue, which will be the first of its kind, to be presented by the agricultural press.

We shall have sample copies of Western Canada's only weekly agricultural journal and our agents will make a point of placing a subscription proposition before every visitor at the fair.

#### Indian Head Excursions.

The annual excursions under the auspices of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture to Indian Head, were held this year on July 9th and 10th and judging from the crowds which assembled it seems to be a very popular day with Saskatchewan farmers.

The excursions on the 9th were run from Fleming west on the main line and from Antler on the Arcola line.

The trains arrived about 10.30 and 11 o'clock respectively and stopped opposite the farm about a quarter of a mile from the station. Here, about twenty carriages were waiting to take the people to the hospital tents, where a very acceptable lunch was served to about seventeen hundred people.

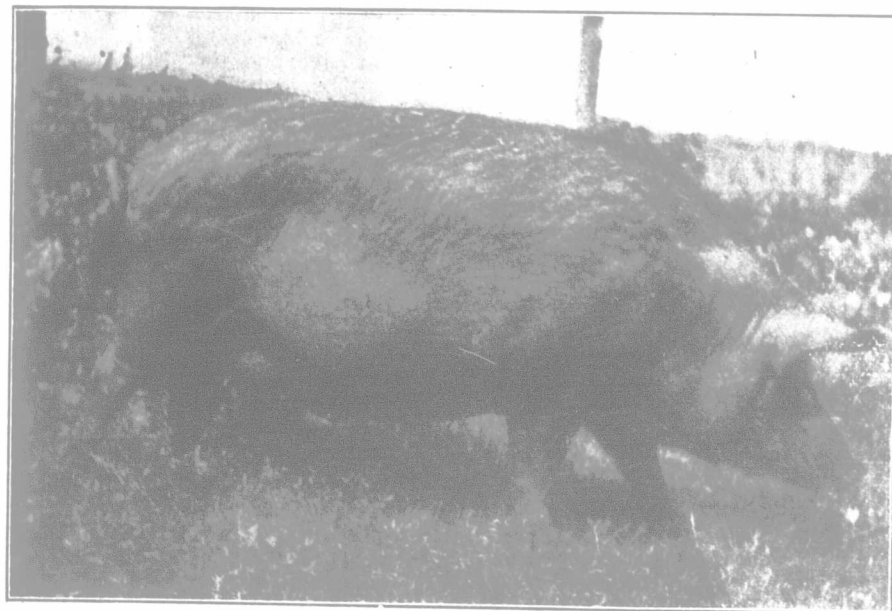
On the tenth the excursions were from Caron on the main line and from Gainsboro via the "Soo Line." A large crowd of about two thousand people assembled at the grounds from these sections and were all comfortably accommodated by the men in charge.

The entire staff of the Agricultural Department at Regina, including Hon. W. R. Motherwell, commissioner of agriculture, Mr. A. P. Ketchen, deputy-commissioner, Mr. John Bracken, superintendent of institutes and fairs, Mr. Wilson, dairy superintendent, Mr. Auld and Mr. Willing, weed commissioners, were present and did their utmost to make the excursions a success.

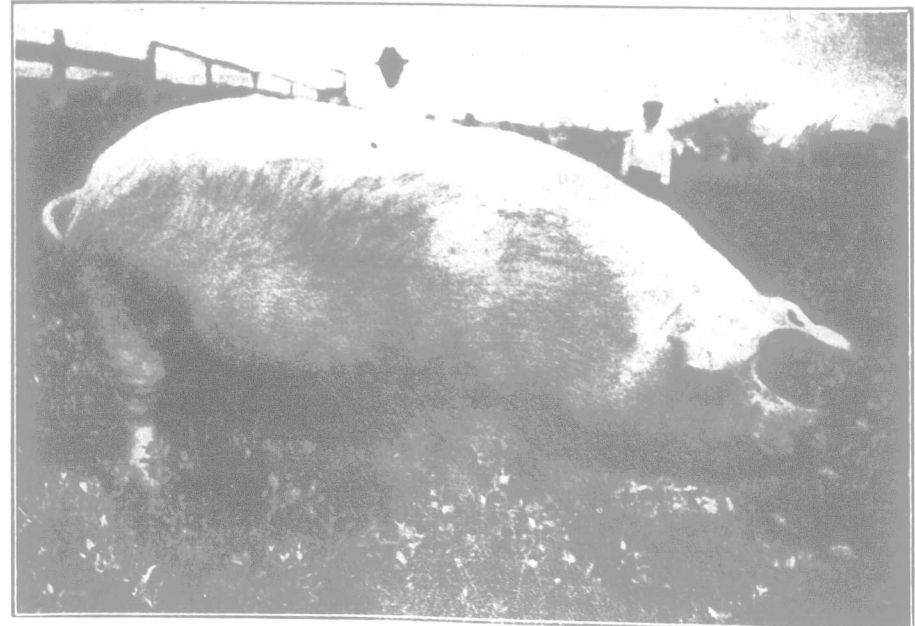
After lunch the most of the visitors availed themselves of the free ride around the farm in the carriages supplied by the provincial Government.

At about 3.30 o'clock short speeches were delivered by the Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Dr. Saunders, director of the Dominion Experimental Farms and Mr. McKay, superintendent of the farm at Indian Head. Mr. McKay very kindly welcomed the visitors and gave them the freedom of the farm for the day. He then introduced to them Dr. Saunders, who outlined in a summary manner the work they were doing at the various experimental farms and at Indian Head in particular. He illustrated and described the way they had adopted of distributing new varieties of grain among the farmers and claimed that in a few years enough grain could be grown from a single seed to sow several hundred acres. He also made a few remarks on their method of adapting fruit trees to this climate and pointed out the advisability of planting trees around the farm homes.

The Hon. Mr. Motherwell followed with a few well chosen remarks as to the nature of the education they as visitors ought to receive at the experimental



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