

many parts of Europe the disaster is looked upon as, possibly, a merciful termination to a long and cruel war. Foreign nations, especially France, are bearing all their influence in favor of peace, but Russia's determination has not yet been announced. Should she choose to go on with the war, Vladivostok will certainly be invested in the near future, and Admiral Birleff, to whom has been recently given supreme command of the port, will in all probability be Russia's next offering to the little yellow power of the East.

## THE FARM BULLETIN

Just south of Saskatoon a steam plow is at work, breaking the sod in a seven-thousand-acre field. This looks like the return of bonanza farming.

An Englishman named Taylor, left Lancashire this spring, and within three weeks had bought a farm in Manitoba, team, outfit, and had a large amount plowed and sown. It is seldom an immigrant makes such rapid progress as this.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, announced in Parliament the other day that he hoped to make satisfactory arrangements to displace American silver from circulation in Canada to a large extent, and substitute Canadian silver therefor.

The "Farmer's Advocate" has received a private note from a member of the Dominion House of Commons, to the effect that the proposed amendment editorially condemned in our issue for May 25th, designed to exempt incorporated race-tracks from the operation of the criminal code against common gaming houses, will not be pressed for a third reading. The strong moral sense of the country revolted, and the pressure was sufficient to head off the scheme.

Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador medical missionary, dealt some sledge-hammer blows at the liquor traffic in his address before the Canadian Club in Toronto. He said: "I am an uncompromising foe to liquor. I am a teetotaler myself. I was never ill in my life, and if I do fall ill I reckon I'll be able to get along without alcohol. To the fishermen of that evil coast the danger of whiskey and rum are far worse than the dangers of fogs and storms and shoals. It is the wives and children of the men who know that best. We closed the last licensed saloon in Labrador in 1902."

### South Perth.

The spring here is rather backward. While we have had about the right amount of rainfall, the temperature has been rather low, with frost at night. However, we think there was scarcely enough to injure the fruit, and the bloom on all kinds of fruit has been abundant. The delegates of the Fruit Institute visited us early in April, but failed to arouse much interest in fruit-growing. Practically no spraying is being done, for the good reason that apples as a money crop are a flat failure. Buyers will not come in here readily, as they say they can get all they require more conveniently in a district more specially devoted to fruit. Consequently, less and less attention is given the orchards, and the quality of the fruit is deteriorating. Our farmers seem to think there is more money in hens. Incubators are becoming quite common, and gaudily-painted brooders relieve the monotony of the landscape in many orchards. As for the hatches, they are hardly yet equal to those of the old hen, although seventy-five and eighty per cent. is a probable average.

Although we can boast of having the largest creamery in the Dominion, for some unexplainable reason comparatively little milk is finding its way there. Competitors have sprung up around it, and many of its former patrons are making their own butter, or sending to the cheese factory.

J. H. BURNS.

### Live-stock Judging.

(Ottawa correspondence.)

Preparatory to the live-stock judging competitions to be held at a number of the county fairs in Eastern Ontario this fall, a series of instruction classes will be held at central points in the counties interested, commencing June 9th. Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, G. A. Putman, is arranging for the classes, which will be conducted by Mr. Arkell, B.S.A., M.A., of the Ontario Agricultural College. These classes are being held in order that the young men who intend taking part in the competitions at the fairs may be instructed regarding the fundamental principles of live-stock judging. The places where the classes will be held and the dates, are as follows: Beachburg, June 9th; Renfrew, June 10th; Cornwall Center, June 12th; Lancaster, June 13th; Vankleek Hill, June 14th; Maxville, June 15th; Vars, June 16th; Mosgrove, June 17th; Newington, June 19th; Winchester, June 20th; and Carleton Place, June 21st.

### Not Quite an Equalizer.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

A set of whiffletrees (three-horse) given by John Mudd, in your April 27th issue, are wrong in figures. He gives the short end of the small whiffletree as 11 inches, and the long end as 1 ft. 9 in., which ought to be 1 ft. 10 in., unless he intends the middle horse to have more than his share of the work. I think he ought to have a little advantage for being in the middle.

W. T. MELVIN.

### Facts About Manitoba and the Northwest.

Canada has the largest continuous wheat field in the world.

Canada's wheat field is approximately 300 by 900 miles in extent.

Canada's wheat-growing area in the West is, according to Prof. Saunders, 171,000,000 acres in extent, and has as yet only 5,000,000 acres under cultivation.

If one-quarter of the 171,000,000 acres was under wheat, it would not only supply the British demand three times over, but the home market also.

Manitoba has only ten per cent. of her lands taken up.

Manitoba's area under wheat, 1904, was ten per cent. more than 1903.

Canada's Northwest land areas are 50 per cent. larger than ten of the Western States.

Northwest Territories' area under wheat, 1904, was 20 per cent. more than 1903.

Ten million acres of Northwest lands were acquired for settlement by grant and purchase in 1903.

Sixty-four thousand homestead entries were made in the Northwest in the last three years, equal to 10,000,000 acres.

The Northwest land companies and railways sold, in 1903, 4,000,000 acres of land for over \$14,000,000.

The C.P.R. has sold over 5,000,000 acres of its land grant of 25,000,000 acres. The 5,000,000 acres realized \$18,000,000, an average of \$3.60 per acre.

Canada has given 57,000,000 acres of land to railway companies in the Northwest—an area as large as that of Assiniboia.

Of the 31,383 homestead entries in 1903, 11,841 were taken up by Americans who came from forty-three States and Territories. Dakota sent 4,006, and Minnesota 3,887.

Manitoba's population has two of English speech to one of foreign speech.

The Northwest Territories have 84,600 of foreign birth, and 74,870 of Canadian and British origin.

Canada has 10,000 miles of rivers west of Lake Superior navigable by steamers.

Winnipeg is Canada's half-way house between oceans.

Winnipeg ranks third in Canadian cities in her clearing-house business.

### The Galt Horse Show.

Three gala days in Galt (Ont.) was the occasion of the fifth annual horse show, held in Dickson Park, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Galt has earned a provincial reputation for having the best open-air show of the kind in Canada, one which for prizes and excellence of exhibits rivals the more pretentious tanbark exhibitions of the larger cities. The show is run by a local horse-show association, supported by the town council, the Waterloo County and the North Dumfries township councils, while this year, as a recognition of its educational character, the Government came to its assistance with a couple of hundred dollars. It is fortunately officered all round, President R. O. McCulloch, in particular, being a man of experience and exceptional aptitude for horse-show executive work. Under these circumstances it is natural that the show should grow and improve with each succeeding season, and this year, with the perfect June weather that prevailed from beginning to end, the high-water mark in entries and attendance was shoved away up. The prize money hung up this year was augmented by \$700 over last year, making a total of \$2,700; entries were more numerous by 25, and as for attendance, an official estimate last Saturday afternoon placed it at 12,000, or about 2,000 ahead of last year. This is the more noteworthy when it is remembered that the Guelph and Brantford shows, the latter just starting this year, might naturally be expected to detract somewhat from the visiting attendance to Galt. It is worth while, perhaps, calling attention to the increase in the number of shows in the western part of the Province. The people of Galt are not afraid of competition, but, like the canny Scotsmen that they are, point out that three should be about enough for one part of the Province, and, as Sec.-Treas. O. R. H. Warnock says, any further increase in the number could not but prejudicially affect the newer and younger ones.

The ribbons were placed by some of the leading judges of the continent, several of whom had previously officiated at Toronto. Their names are: Dr. Walsh, M. P., Huntingdon, Que.; Mr. R. P. Stericker, West Orange, N.J.; Mr. Robt. Beith, Bowmanville; Mr. L. Llewellyn Meredith, London; Mr. Geo. McCormick, London; Mr. Robt. Graham, Claremont; Mr. Seward Cary, Buffalo, N.Y.; Major Geo. R. Hooper, Montreal; and O. Moulton, Batavia, N.Y.

A detailed review of the horses is scarcely necessary, since most of them had previously shown at Toronto. Among the extensive exhibitors were Hon. and Mrs. Adam Beck, of London; Geo. Pepper & Co., Toronto; Crow & Murray, Toronto; Miss Wilks, of Galt, and A. Yeager, of Simcoe. Miss Wilks figured prominently in the roadster classes and in horses to halter, while the others divided honors as usual in the heavy harness, saddle and hunter sections.

A feature which the management seek to emphasize is the agricultural classes, including the heavy draft and general-purpose. Of these there was a strong showing, the principal exhibitors being the Dominion Transport Co., Toronto; Goldie & McCulloch Co., Galt; Edward Mara, Clandeboye; A. Aitchison, Guelph; Wm. Morap, Hespeler, and D. McKinnon & Sons, Coningsby. The Dominion Transport Co. showed the draft team, Charlie and Prince Arthur, which won first in the corresponding class at Toronto for John W. Cowie, of Markham. A good second was the team of D. McKinnon & Sons, Coningsby. The agricultural class was well represented by pairs from the stables of D. Milloy, Paris; Robt. Cochrane, Ayr; Geo. Hancock, Galt; Isaac Gorton, Washington, and Goldie & McCulloch, Galt; the first four winning in the order named. Some good things were seen in the young classes. Without attempting to enumerate the winners, mention may be made of Miss Gilmore, a three-year-old Clydesdale filly, imported by the Sorbys, of Guelph, and shown by And. Aitchison, of Guelph, for first in the three-year-old filly or gelding class best suited for draft purposes. She is a stout, well-coupled sort, of extra good girth and quality. It is the intention of the management to increase the prizes still further next year, by offering more money in the young breeding classes.

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### Eminent 2nd.

Imported Jersey bull. Sold for \$10,000 at T. S. Cooper & Sons' sale at Coopersburg, Pa., on May 30th, 1905.

### The International Sunday-school Convention.

The Eleventh International Sunday-school Convention, which meets in Toronto on June 23-27, will be the outstanding event of the year on this continent in religious circles. It is expected that 1,600 accredited delegates will be present from the United States and Canada, and that this number will be greatly increased by visitors interested in the work. The meetings will be held in five of the largest churches of the city and Massey Hall, the Metropolitan church being the convention headquarters. The list of speakers comprises the great Sunday-school experts of both countries, and includes such men as the Hon. John Wannamaker, of Philadelphia; Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of New York; Sec. Leslie M. Shaw, D.C.; Robert E. Speer, New York; Dr. W. J. Dawson, England; Bishop Vincent, Indiana; Principal Falconer, Halifax; Dr. Potts, Toronto, and a host of others. The many features of the convention afford a wide range of choice for those interested in different departments of the work. There will be special rates on all the railways, and all who are interested in Sabbath-school work cannot do better than to time a visit to Toronto at that date. The general theme of the convention will be "Winning a Generation." It is expected that the convention will make a recommendation in reference to grading the "International Lessons" to omit different classes of students in age and capacity.