

oped in this breed and Mr. Shield's herd won everything offered without serious trouble. Happy Christmas, imported by Jas. Bray, Portage la Prairie, and for three years a winner and champion at Winnipeg, is at the head of the herd. The young stock are strong, well developed, breedily looking individuals.

DAIRY BREEDS

Ayrshires, Holsteins and Jerseys were represented by one exhibitor each. J. B. Boyd, Regina, offered some entries in the Holstein sections but A. B. Potter, Kennedy, Sask., landed most of the awards. J. C. Pope, Regina, showed a representative string of Ayrshires and won all the prizes he had entries for. Mr. Pope's entry in this breed was a surprise to a good many who seemingly were unaware that one of the best herds of Scotch dairy cattle were maintained almost within the limits of the capital of Saskatchewan. In Jerseys J. Harper & Sons, Kinley, Sask., exhibited an excellent lot, but as there was no outside competition the exhibit lacked interest from a judging standpoint.

SHEEP AND SWINE

A. B. Potter, Kennedy, Sask., and F. T. Skinner, Indian Head, contributed the sheep exhibit, the former in Leicesters, the latter in Shropshires. In Yorkshires, A. B. Potter, Sir Wm. Van G. Horne and F. T. Skinner put up the exhibits. A heavy proportion of the firsts went to Van Horne with Potter winning first in aged boars and for sow and litter and F. T. Skinner coming into first place with sow of calendar year. J. M. Stowe & Sons, Davidson, made a large exhibit of Poland Chinas and won without opposition all the awards in the class. Messrs. Stowe have Polands of both sexes and all ages, from some of the best breeding stock in the States. J. Caswell, Saskatoon, had a small exhibit of Tamworths. Judging in swine, sheep and dairy classes, Angus and Herefords were done by R. E. Drennan, Canora, Sask.

Saskatchewan Swine Breeders' Association

A meeting of the Saskatchewan Swine Breeders' Association was held during the Provincial fair at Regina last week. A constitution was drafted for the organization and agreed to. H. F. Auld was appointed secretary in place of J. Bracken resigned. The association decided to ask the government for a grant of \$250 for the work of the swine breeders. J. M. Stowe, Davidson, urged strongly upon the association the recognition of the Poland China breed.

Awards in Good Farming

Awards made by Stephen Benson of Neepawa and Prof. G. A. Sproule of Manitoba Agricultural College show the winners in the good farming competition at Gladstone to be as follows: J. J. Stewart, score 807; Milne Bros. 799; A. H. Rogers, 780; David Paterson, 730; David Smith, 675. All entries were in good shape and the scoring close.

Good farms, entered in the competition at St. Pierre have been carefully gone over by Prof. F. G. Churchill of Manitoba Agricultural College and J. J. Golden, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and awards made as follows: Felix Delonquin, first, 657; Charles Dandenault, second, 629; A. Prefontaine, third, 624; Chas. Desjardins, fourth, 623; E. W. Cook, fifth 576; Andre Nault, sixth, 354; F. L'Heureux, seventh, 225.

At Morris, Prof. C. H. Lee of Manitoba Agricultural College and J. J. Ring of Crystal City were the judges. Awards were: 1, Geo. Clubb, of Morris; 2, W. Moore, Letellier; 3, W. Fraser, Letellier; 4, L. Kastner, Morris; 5, J. Fraser, Morris; 6, Henry Snarr, Morris.

At time of going to press it is impossible to get complete details of the competitions at Virden and Miami. At Virden, however, it seems that the three highest scored as follows: Robert Turnbull, 783; A. H. Insley, 726; and Goulding Bros., 693.

Excursions to Indian Head

Several hundreds of farmers took advantage of the special railway rates to Indian Head to visit the Experimental Farm and gain valuable information regarding agricultural operations and crops. Interesting addresses were given by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Superintendent Angus McKay, President Murray of Saskatoon, Prof. W. J. Rutherford of Regina, T. N. Willing and others. Band music and general good hospitality enlivened proceedings and made the visitors glad they made the trip.

Dry-Farming Congress

The fourth annual session of the International Dry-farming Congress will be held at Billings, Montana, October, 26th, 27th and 28th, next. This organization deals with the methods of agriculture in the semi-arid West, where the rainfall is limited, or where moisture supply is inadequate for the production of good crops. In the list of vice-presidents appear the names of Geo. Harcourt, Edmonton, Alberta; and Prof. W. J. Rutherford, Regina, Saskatchewan. John T. Burns, 407 Temple Court, Denver, Colorado, is the Secretary of the Congress.



FOUR SELF BINDERS NICELY HANDLED BY ONE ENGINE.

Hon. John Dryden Dead

One of Ontario's greatest agriculturists, Hon. John Dryden, died last Thursday at Toronto. He was Provincial Minister of agriculture from 1890 to 1905 and during his term of office lost no opportunity of furthering the interests of agriculture. He was a firm believer in the need for education for the farmer and always strove to make desirable education easy to obtain. The Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph developed from an ordinary institution to one of the best on the continent during his regime. As Ex-Premier Ross said: "It may safely be said that he added millions to the agricultural wealth of Ontario."

Appointment in Mechanics

The advisory board of Manitoba Agricultural College have selected L. J. Smith of Michigan Agricultural college to succeed Professor A. R. Greig as Professor of Mechanics. Professor Smith is a graduate of the Michigan State College and for three years has been at the head of the department of agricultural mechanics in the agricultural college of that state. Farm motors, water supply in farm buildings and such practical work have been carefully taken up.

Motor Contest at Brandon

Among the attractive features of this year's exhibition at Brandon was a motor contest along much the same lines as the one held at Winnipeg the week previous. Uncertain weather on the start and the fact that the field in which the plowing test was held was at a distance from the grounds marred somewhat the interest in the tests.

When hauling capacity, plowing, fuel consumed, general mechanical make-up and excellence, and other features that go to form superior motor power were considered the awards announced were:

Class A—Gasoline:
1, Avery Co., 12 h.p., 110 points 2, International Harvester Co., 20 h.p., 99.78 points.

Class B—Gasoline:
1, International Harvester Co., 20 h.p., 121.4; 2, International Harvester Co., 20 h.p., 113.03; 3, International Harvester Co., 15 h.p., 106.34.

Class C—Gasoline:
1, Marshall Sons & Co., Gainsboro, England, 111.32. Total possible points for gasoline tractors; 135.

Class D—Steam Engines:
1, Avery Co., 30 h.p., 139.58; 2, J. I. Case, 32 h.p., 136.68; 3, Garr, Scott Co., 25 h.p., 134.70.

Class E—Steam Engines:
1, J. I. Case, 20 h.p., 137.18; 2, Avery Co., 20 h.p., 126.54.

Possible points for steam tractors, 145.
Sweepstakes—Gasoline tractors, International Harvester Co., No. 3, 20 h.p., 121.4 points; steam tractors, Avery Co., No. 12, 30 h.p., 139.58 points.

Commission Rule Dropped

At a meeting of the grain men of the Winnipeg exchange last week it was decided to do away with the rule that allows parties handling wheat, oats, or barley one cent a bushel as commission. Apparently, it is a war between the elevator interests and the commission men though the former claim that some of the latter did not object to cancelling the rule. Generally speaking, little objection has been raised from any side of the grain business to the one cent a bushel commission. It is claimed, however, that in many quarters the rule was being broken surreptitiously. Some urged that half a cent is enough. However the elevator men who wanted the matter of commission left open were in the majority when the vote was taken.

The chief concern to the farmer is what the effect will be on prices obtained. If the new regulations mean that grain men will handle the farmers' grain at less than one cent a bushel and turn over so much more per bushel to the farmer, then the producer will raise no objection to the change. The elevator representatives and the commission dealers can be depended on to arrange for profits from some source. Farmers should study this year's markets closely.

Municipalities Union Meet

The Canadian Municipalities Union met in annual convention at Medicine Hat, Alta., last week. Many phases of municipal government of general interest were discussed. Next year the Union will meet in Toronto, Ont.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. past presidents, J. J. Ward, Toronto; Ald. Lavelle, Montreal; Hon. past vice-presidents, Mayor Stevely, London; Mayor Kenney, New Westminster. President, R. C. Cochrane, reeve of Blanchard, Man.; first vice-president, W. Sanford Evans, Winnipeg; second vice-president, Mayor Chrsolm, Halifax; third vice-president, Ald. McGhie, Toronto; hon. secretary-treasurer, W. D. Lighthall, Westmount, Que.

Inspection of Local Meat Supply

Since the coming into force of the Federal law, known as the Meat and Canned Foods Act, providing for the strict inspection of packing plants doing an interprovincial or export trade, there have been a number of complaints by representatives of these establishments that the law inflicts an unintentional handicap upon them in competing for local trade with uninspected plants, which, not being subject to inspection, are spared the expense of complying with the Act, not at all in regard to the loss resulting from condemnation of diseased stock purchased.

It has been suggested, first when the bill was being considered, and also since then, that the Federal law should be made to apply to all packing plants alike. Apart from the stupendous and costly nature of such an undertaking, it is debarrd by the fact that the Federal Government has not the necessary authority, matters such as this, relating to public health, being left entirely to the Provincial authorities, save in the case of interprovincial or foreign trade, in which case the Dominion Government has jurisdiction. With this exception, matters of public health have, since 1872, been looked after by the respective Provinces. Provision is made, either by the Municipal Act or the Public Health Act, or both, for the establishment and carrying on of municipal meat inspection, although this legislation has, in a good many cases, remained little or no better than a dead letter.

By way of solving the problem Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Live Stock Commissioner has suggested the abolition of private slaughter-houses, and the establishment of public municipal abattoirs, to be conducted under inspection methods similar to those required by the Meat and Canned Foods Act. Such a course is open to any municipality under legislation already existing, and the sooner the citizens of each municipality come to the conclusion that their health is as important as that of the Englishman, or the people in other countries or provinces to whom we sell meat, and demand a system of inspection designed to exclude diseased or unwholesome carcasses from consumptive channels, the better it will be for public health and well-being.

However, the majority of cities are slow to take action, and meantime the situation is somewhat of a hardship to the big plants which do an export or interprovincial business, and hence have to be subjected to Federal inspection of their whole plant and output. In June a deputation representing some of these firms interviewed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Sydney Fisher, urging extension of the meat-inspection provisions to local meat business, and compensation for animals condemned and seized. The delegation very properly represented that the provisions of the Meat and Canned Foods Act should be extended by Provincial legislation to local butchers and packers who do business in a single province. The Premier and Minister of Agriculture were urged to use their influence with the Provincial Legislatures, which, according to report, they promised to do. Meanwhile, the large packing firms would be undoubtedly justified in making capital out of the fact that their meats are turned out from inspected plants, and the discriminating purchaser has it in his power to hasten the day of public municipal abattoirs by giving the preference to those stores which handle the output of Government-inspected plants.

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