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Neepawa. The champion was "Valdora," belonging to O. J. White, and reserve went to W. J. Young, which entry also won the Canadian bred championship.

In the class for stallions having made a season in Manitoba, "Belleisle" was first and "Rubio" second.

Percheron Classes

A Saskatchewan horse, "Leven," shown by Head, of Regina, won the aged Percheron class. C. D. Roberts won the four-year-olds; J. H. Graham the three-year-olds, and J. M. Crowe, of Gilbert Plains, the two-year-olds. Crowe made a strong showing of Percheron mares under harness. Head's horse was also champion.

Geo. Rupp, of Saskatchewan, put in a heavy show of Belgians.

The best heavy draft gelding was shown by A. McPhail, and his mate was second. This team also won under harness, with Hall, of Neepawa, second, and Orr, of Elkhorn, third. Jos. Hall won first for agricultural teams, with Robt. McPhail second.

Stock Judging Competition

A feature of the show that held considerable interest was the competition in stock judging open to anyone under the age of thirty, with only college graduates barred. This competition was under the direction of Prof. Jacobs of Manitoba Agricultural College, who mustered 42 contestants, and put them thru eight classes of stock. The rating of the competitors were made by a separate tribunal for each class. In cattle, Kenneth McGregor selected W. Watson and W. G. Weir, both fourth year students, as winners. In horses, A. J. McMillan made the awards to J. H. Ellis, a fourth year student, and J. H. Crawford, a non-student. For sheep A. J. McKay and W. R. Bowman selected A. Simons and J. Kirk, both students; and for swine Prof. A. M. Shaw, of Saskatoon, placed A. J. Clark and R. Scarth at the top. The presidents and vice-presidents of the four livestock associations gave medals to the winners, and Prof. Jacobs donated a silver challenge cup to the boy scoring the highest total. This honor went to A. J. Clarke, a fifth year student.

Among the poultry men the show of birds was voted a success, altho the specimens shown gave evidence that there is a lot of immature poultry in the country. Judging competitions were held in this division also, with honors going largely to young ladies.

Demonstrations for Women

During the week there were held sessions for women to discuss problems bearing upon the supplying of proper and sufficient food and demonstrations in preparing food. These sessions were not very largely attended, but there is plenty of scope for such a feature, altho, to make it a success, there should be more complete facilities for holding it.

The message of the winter fair management is to prepare stock for next year's event and to expect keener competition than ever before.

MORE LIEN DIFFICULTIES

More difficulty has cropped up in discharging the liens imposed upon land under the seed grain advances of 1915. Under the legislation it is provided that the advances made for seed grain or fodder take priority to the first mortgage, but advances made for relief other than seed grain or fodder are not a charge upon the land, but a first charge upon the crop and take their place on the title subject to all existing registrations. It appears, however, that these advances for relief are debts due to the crown and in the case of foreclosure proceedings the courts have no power to declare that the crown has been foreclosed. The point is that in foreclosure proceedings all subsequent creditors have to be notified and it is impossible to serve notice on the crown. Actions involving the crown have to be taken before the Exchequer Court at Ottawa. What the outcome of this new development will be is not yet known, but it is certain that as a result of experience a great deal more wisdom will be displayed in future arrangements of a similar kind.

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ONTARIO FARMERS ADOPT PLATFORM

The National Political Platform drafted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture was unanimously adopted by the United Farmers of Ontario at their convention held in Toronto on March 7 and 8. Between four and five hundred delegates were present at the convention, drawn from all parts of the province. The platform was presented by R. H. Halbert, president of the association, who was also present at the Canadian Council of Agriculture meeting last December in Winnipeg when the platform was adopted. The delegates at the convention were drawn from both political parties, there being men present who had been voting both for the Conservative and Liberal party for many years past. Party lines in Ontario are much more closely drawn than in the western provinces. It was, therefore, expected that many of the delegates would shy at the farmers' platform, because it would interfere with the views of the political party with which they had been affiliated, but when those farmers got together, they, with one accord, were ready to place the welfare of the country first and party considerations in the background.

The farmers' platform was taken up clause by clause. E. C. Drury was loudly applauded when he came out in support of the reciprocity agreement of 1911. He declared that reciprocity would be a benefit to the country and regardless of the political party he hoped it would meet with the support of the delegates, which it did unanimously.

H. G. Pettypiece, editor of the Forest Free Press, was present and took an active part in the discussion, showing the farmers where they were being bled by the big interests because they were not uniting for their own benefit. Mr. Pettypiece showed that a number of the big industries were having their machinery placed on the free list and were getting rebates of the tariff from the treasury. They only believed in a protective tariff where it did not affect themselves.

From the discussion which took place on the reciprocity agreement, it was apparent that the delegates wanted it considered aside from politics. H. W. Monk and Jas. Raymond, both Conservatives, therefore moved a resolution that the reciprocity agreement and also that the clause demanding that other foodstuffs be placed on the free list, should be submitted to a referendum of the people. This motion was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Consumer Pays Tariff

R. McKenzie, secretary Canadian Council of Agriculture, Winnipeg, gave an address on the tariff showing how the customs duty was added on to the price paid by the consumer. He also showed how the manufacturer took full advantage of the protective tariff by adding the amount of the duty to his selling price.

H. B. Cowan, editor Farm and Dairy, gave an address on the taxation of land values.

Gordon Waldron, editor Weekly Sun, Toronto, spoke in favor of the graduated income tax, showing the need of it to help meet the war debt.

H. J. Pettypiece, Forest, Ont. gave an address on the nationalization of railways. F. E. Ellis of Farm and Dairy explained the system of Direct Legislation thru the initiative and referendum.

All the remaining planks in the farmers' platform were taken up clause by clause and were passed without any discussion. The delegates will return to their local organizations and carry on educational work in support of the farmers' platform, with the hope that effect may be given to it in the House of Commons after the next election.

Several representatives of the organized farmers from Western Canada were present at the convention, including H. W. Wood, president United Farmers of Alberta, R. McKenzie, secretary Canadian Council of Agriculture, T. A. Crerar, president of The Grain Growers' Grain Company, C. Rice-Jones, president Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. Altho unable to be present at the convention, R. C. Henders, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association and J. A. Maharg, president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, arrived shortly after the convention and joined the others at a confidential conference with the Minister of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa. The western delegates present all delivered addresses to the convention on the work of the organized farmers in the west. The report of the secretary, J. J. Morrison showed that there are now eight thousand members of the United Farmers of Ontario, with two hundred local associations.

The officers of the association for 1917 are as follows:—President, R. H. Halbert, Melancthon, Dufferin County, re-elected; 1st Vice-President, E. C. Drury, Barrie, Simcoe County; 2nd Vice-President, W. C. Good, Paris, Brant County; Directors, L. H. Blatchford, Oxford County; E. A. Van Allen, Aultsville, Dundas County; W. H. Hunter, Varney, Grey County; T. H. Adams, Essex, Essex County; Peter Porter, Burford, Brant County; Auditor, Wm. McCrea, Guelph.

On the two days following the convention of the United Farmers' Association, the annual meeting of the United Farmers' Company was held. This is a commercial organization bearing the same relation to the educational association as obtains between similar organization in the west. The United Farmers' Company has been in operation for two years and its sales for the past year have been \$410,000. The paid-up capital stock of the company is \$4,000, but it is now to be considerably increased. The net profits for the year were over \$4,000, and a 7 per cent. dividend was declared.

The directors of the company for the ensuing year are:—E. C. Drury; J. J. Morrison; W. C. Good; C. W. Gurney; Elmer Lick, Oshawa; W. McCrea, Guelph; R. H. Halbert, Melancthon; B. C. Tucker, Harold; E. A. Van Allen, Aultsville. At a later meeting of the directors Mr. Tucker was elected president, Mr. Lick, vice-president and Mr. Morrison, secretary-treasurer.

The German Imperial clothing committee has issued a warning to the effect that styles in women's clothes cannot be allowed to change every six months.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$9,830 82
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J. H. N. Koeler, Sask.	10 00
Noble Tait, Parkburg, Sask.	25
Albert E. Channon, Cordova, Sask.	5 00
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T. H. Peary, Vinson, Man.	25 00
O. Pullman, Lavenham, Man.	5 00
Mrs. F. Allison, Estevan, Sask.	5 00
Ladies' Auxiliary to the G. O. of Oakville, Kananda, Man.	60 00
Wm. Lindsay, St. Minnola, Man.	5 00
Total	\$9,906 17

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Wm. Lindsay, St. Minnola, Man.	5 00
Total	\$2,731 66