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Good Beasts Always Cheap.

A good beast is always cheap, no matter what price—within reason—is paid for it. And conversely, a bad beast is always dear, even though it may be obtained at a seemingly cheap price. This has been proved over and over again, not only in elaborately-conducted experiments, but in the experiences of our best feeders. If they can at all help it, our best graziers will never touch an inferior beast, even though they can get it at what might seem a ridiculously small price in comparison with that which they have to pay for well-bred, thrifty-looking animals. The reason for this is that these men have found out by experience that even though such animals may appear cheap at the time of purchase, they do so badly when put upon the grass that they give very little return for their keep. A good beast under the same conditions, though he may cost a few pounds more at the time of purchase, will thrive so well and put on flesh at such a rate that he will finish weeks—sometimes months—before the indifferent doer, and when he is finished he will fetch a price which will leave a much bigger margin for the time he has been on grass than his less thrifty companion. This applies to all classes of stock—to sheep and pigs as well as to cattle.—*Farmer's Gazette.*

Prizes for Photographs.

In our Home Department of this issue, several handsome prizes are offered for the best amateur photographs of country scenes. We direct the attention of all interested in photography to this interesting competition, the conditions of which should be carefully read. We trust that many will compete.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

The increased attendance and the financial success of the Winnipeg Industrial, in spite of last year's crop failure, and the consequent scarcity of ready money, is clear enough indication, if any were needed, of the permanence and importance of Western Canada's Great Industrial Exhibition. Although running later in the season than ever before, and coming dangerously close to harvest time, the attendance from country points and from the States to the south of us showed a marked increase over previous years. Favored with perfect fair weather, the grounds and race track were in fine condition, and there was no interruption to the stream of happy visitors and sight-seers that poured through the turnstiles from Monday morning to Friday evening. The Industrial does not pretend to be exclusively an agricultural or industrial exhibition, but aims to provide an annual holiday and carnival for the people from city, town, and country. It is a pleasure to be able to congratulate the management on providing this year the brightest and cleanest bill of grand-stand attractions ever yet presented, the trained elephants being the most popular feature, and many were heard to remark that to see the elephants alone was well worth the admission fee. While there was a lot of trash in what is called the Midway—snake-eaters, five-legged sheep, etc.—the really objectionable features of a year ago were absent. The implement men, with few exceptions, again failed to make exhibits, which seems a short-sighted and selfish policy, in view of the great interest that is always manifested by the public in a display of agricultural machinery. Some of the threshing-machine companies were present and helped in making that portion of the grounds set aside for their use look less lonely. The liberal prize list, and the generous proposition of the management to refund the 40 per cent. of the one-way freight charges on all exhibits, tended to induce a very large entry in the live-stock classes, and it was most gratifying that the quality of the exhibits throughout maintained the usual high degree of excellence. This was particularly noticeable in the beef breeds of cattle, and Prof. Thos. Shaw, of the Minnesota Agricultural College, who judged these classes, remarked that he did not think any single State of the Union could make a better exhibit of the beef breeds.

To reach still greater prominence as a live-stock exhibition, and attain to higher excellence as an educational factor, more attention must be paid to the details of the judging ring. The live-stock catalogues were this year got out on time and fairly complete, but, after all, they serve little purpose unless the numbers corresponding to the catalogue are worn by the individual animals, so that the spectator at the ringside can identify the animals, and thus learn their ownership, breeding, etc. The fair has now reached a stage when a general superintendent of live stock is a necessity, whose duty it shall be to superintend all the details of the judging ring, the numbering of the animals before they are allowed into the ring, the telegraph board to indicate the placing of the awards and the arranging and carrying out of a judging time schedule, as was this year successfully introduced in the horse classes. The ring itself will then require some attention, seats provided for the onlookers, and the parading of the prize numbers in order of merit, so that the public may for themselves form some opinion on the judge's work. These and kindred improvements are in operation at the leading fairs of Great Britain and the United States, and there is no reason why Winnipeg should lag behind.

Substantial improvements in the cattle barns and increased facilities for ventilation of horse and cattle barns and the swine pens had been provided, as well as greater convenience in watering arrangements, which, together with obliging and courteous treatment on behalf of the superintendents of each department, tended to the comfort of the showmen. The live-stock parades on two evenings of the week were well managed, and the array of high-quality stock thus made was greatly appreciated by the visitors on the grand stand.

HORSES.

CLYDESDALES.—The judging of the drafters at the Industrial always has an interested crowd of onlookers to agree with or criticise the action of the judges, and this year was no exception. The exhibit in the Clydesdale classes showed the renewed interest in the breeding of drafters, although the classes showed a wide divergence of ideas as to what constitutes the draft type or the ideal Clydesdale. In the four-year-old stallions competition was keen. Imported horses, stud veterans, and home-bred stuff all vied for the honors indicated by the possession of a red, blue or white ticket. The bloom and fitting of the horses varied a great deal. Some were just off the route, with large breeding records, others were there whose stud duties were exceeding light, and who consequently carried more flesh, not having had to bear the heat and burthen of the day. For show purposes, any animal should be fitted, yet not so much so as to unfit for breeding pur-

poses if shown in a breeding class. Jno. Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont., and R. B. Ogilvie, Chicago, judged the horses and awarded the prizes. J. A. S. Macmillan's (Brandon) entry, Sir Christopher, the Clydesdale cup winner there, went to the front. He was certainly fitted, and carried himself well. He is by Sir Harry, out of Chrystabelle, and has a record as a show-ring performer; here he was considered as outstanding. The blue ticket went to the Carman horse, Shunk's General, a well-muscled, active horse, that if fitted would make a hard fight for first place. Third prize went to Prince Charles, a good, useful horse, dark brown in color, the property of Donald Ross, of Cypress River. Several good ones were unplaced, notably Aberdeen, Colquhoun and Beattie's entry, slightly off bloom, but fresh from the stud, and Brooklyn Boy, who, while not a winner here, is a getter of draft horses. Three-year-olds caused some thinking. Prince Stanley, the Mutch Bros., Lumsden, Assa., entry, being well thought of. While he moves well, with the promise of making a massive horse, he is hardly as wide in front as desired, and had to be content to play second fiddle to Dr. Swenerton's entry, a grandson of the noted old Macqueen. Rosemount was fitted to the top notch, and although a little short in the quarter, and might be straighter in his hind limbs, and in some eyes he is a shade light below the knee and hocks, yet had sufficient merit to carry him to the top, and later on to win the Clydesdale cup, the winner in the aged class being barred, having already won the cup at Brandon. Prince Bonnybridge was only able to get up to third place. He lacked draftiness when compared with the other horses, although he possesses quality and action equal to the first and second prize winners. Anent action in a draft horse, the gait at which they should excel is the walk, which should be fast, true and level, with no wobbling. A serious fault, to our minds, in one of the horses showing was that in the walk he carried his hind legs too far forward, considering the setting on of those members, and as a result, would lose power at draft work; not only so, but his length of stride gave him a tendency to wobble, which also means loss of power, either in the shafts or traces. In the two-year-old class, the judges found the winner in Baron Hendry, a son of Baron's Pride, a well-developed, strong-muscled colt, with plenty of bone of good quality. A worthy rival to the Macmillan horse was Lord Grandeur, from the stud of J. A. Turner, Millarville, Alta., a good sort that will stand more fitting, which would make him a strong candidate for first honors; he was hardly as good in his hind quarters as the Brandon horse. The third-prize colt was not finished, lacks middle, and looked raw; he needs developing. In the yearlings, the contest was very keen. Several of the colts had come together before, and winners in previous contests were not looked at, and vice versa. J. E. Smith's "Little Bobs" was picked as the winner, although one of the judges thought him a little strong in his hind legs. He is a blocky drafty colt, with bone and feather enough for any Scotchman, R. B. Ogilvie putting it as follows: "He possessed more Clydesdale character than all the others together." Frasers, of Emerson, put a strong candidate for honors into second place, a horse that would have been higher but for a slackness in his ribs, and being slightly down in the back. He is a good mover, well muscled, and possesses legs and feet of the wearing kind, and was much fancied by the Ontario judge. Premier Prince, while not entitled to the rank in this company his name would suggest, got third place. This colt is owned by A. E. Thompson, M. P., Melita, and was bred by Purves Thomson. The brood mares were headed by the Calgary winner, Princess Patricia, by Prince Patrick, owned by J. A. Turner, an old show-yard winner, with a foal at foot, a typical Clydesdale, well muscled, with good feet and limbs, action of the best, and plenty of character. Second place went to Lady Almondale, by International, a good one, with lots of substance and quality, but lacking the quantity of bone and hair possessed by her successful rival; it was no disgrace to be beaten here. J. E. Smith had the third prize mare, matronly and a little plain, but of a useful type, that will both work and produce the right sort. Lady Almondale, with a daughter (Princess Royal) like herself and Lord Roseburn, by Burnbrae, got the progeny prize, beating the Smithfield entry. Three-year-old fillies brought out two. The Mutch Bros.' Lady Charming, being the more typical and drafty in form, secured the red ticket, Thompson's Princess Royal getting the blue. The two-year fillies were a good lot, Charming Lassie, a slashing big one, a little short in her rib, being placed first, the McKenzie entry, a very tidy mare, a little low at withers, and without the bone and size of her competitor, being second, the other entry of Mutch Bros. having to be content with the third prize. In the yearlings, a filly low in flesh, but drafty in type, of Mutch Bros., went to the top; Princess Natalie, a very nice filly, but lacking weight, from the Roxey Farm, being second; third going to J. E. Smith. In the foals, Princess

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First-prize 3-year-old

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