

### Western Manitoba's Big Fair

Manitoba is destined to have two big fairs, one in Winnipeg and the other in Brandon. The Winnipeg fair has secured for itself a continental reputation, and judging from last year's success and this year's preparations, the fair at Brandon is likely to prove equally successful. The western part of the province, with Brandon as its central point, is progressing so rapidly that it can easily maintain a large exhibition which will be excelled nowhere in Canada in regard to exhibits of live stock and farm products. The horses, cattle and sheep from Western Manitoba always won many first prizes at the Winnipeg exhibition, and this part of the fair at Brandon cannot be surpassed. The horticultural exhibit is always first class in every particular, and is supplemented by exhibits from the Experimental farms at Brandon and Indian Head. As Brandon is the centre of the great wheat district, the

als for sweepstake butter. Clare Bros. Co. through their agent, Mr. Wm. Miller have again donated a No. 9 patron cooking stove, value \$35, for the best 20 lb. tub dairy butter made by bona fide farmers, and similarly other business houses throughout Canada are offering handsome prizes.

The attractions last year, as will be remembered were worth going a long way to see, but this year the directors have spared neither time nor money to procure the very latest original attractions from the eastern cities and Europe, and no doubt all will avail themselves of this great opportunity of visiting Brandon and of seeing something they will ever remember. One of the greatest attractions we might mention is the encampment of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. This fine body of men and horses will be in camp on the grounds during the fair and will give their celebrated musical ride with electrical effects, and also the exhibition of military sports. This will be something new to that part

days of the fair, and no one can afford to miss inspecting this wonderful object lesson of nature. Mr. Bedford and the courteous assistants will always be glad to explain to visitors the nature and peculiarities of the experiments now being made, with trees, plants, grains, roots, etc.

The directors have secured free transportation for exhibits and extremely low railway rates on the C. P. R. east and west, the Souris branch, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northwest Central, and the Manitoba and Northwestern. The committee on accommodations has made provision for a large number of visitors, and all may expect to be provided with comfortable quarters during the days of the fair.

Elaborate and extensive arrangements have been made for an immense crowd, and July 19, 20, and 22 will prove a great week for western Manitoba's big fair.

We give a couple of cuts from views taken at last year's exhibition.



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display of all kinds of farm machinery is especially full, manufacturers from all parts of the continent, sending their latest improved implements. Up to the present manufacturers in other lines have not made large displays, but this year the exhibits in this class will be more comprehensive as business men recognize the large market that is afforded by the closely settled districts of the western part of the province.

In order to accommodate the larger exhibits increased accommodation has been made. Several magnificent new buildings of the most modern designs have been erected this year for horses, cattle, sheep, poultry, dairy and agricultural products. The grand stand has also been greatly enlarged. Magnificent and costly prizes are being offered. Amongst other special prizes that will be offered we might mention \$200 for red fife wheat. Merchants' Bank of Canada donates \$25 for the best creamery made butter. Lister & Co. give gold and silver med-

als of the country and no doubt will be greatly appreciated, and we might mention that Brandon will be the only place this year that the Royal Canadian Dragoons will visit.

Speeding events have been made a great attraction, also the bicycle and foot races. Valuable and costly prizes are being offered for the two latter events. Among the speeding events we might mention large purses are being offered for the following: Three minute trot or pace, 2.30 trot or pace, 14 1-2 hand pony races, 14 polo pony race, gentleman's road race to huggy, free-for-all trot or pace, 2.40 trot or pace, 14 hands pony race, one mile dash, hurdle races, farmers' running races, farmers' trot or pace, stallions' trot or pace, open half-mile running, Indian pony race, potato races.

One of the drawing features of the Brandon fair is the experimental farm. This attracts hundreds of farmers from all parts of the west. Everything at this valuable Dominion institution will be seen at its best during the

### Evidently a Sucker.

The Winnipeg Free Press related to its readers quite seriously the other day how black bass had become plentiful in the local market, as a result of the stocking of the upper waters of the Red some years ago by the United States government. We were told the fish had become so plentiful that they retailed at the low price of 6 cents per pound. Some one has evidently taken the Free Press reporter for a sheephead. At any rate he has been successfully worked for a sucker. It is true that certain hucksters of Hebrew persuasion peddle around a coarse fish called sheephead, which they sometimes succeed in palming off upon unsuspecting ones as bass, but it would take a long course of fishing to find the genuine article in the Red river.

J. W. Cochran, of Glenboro, is erecting a 30,000 bushel elevator at Stockton, Man.