

latest improved aerial truck, and a full line of French burr stone grain choppers.

J. O. Wisner, Son & Co., Brantford, had their single, combined and fertilizer drills on exhibition; also broadcast sectional seeder, favorite cultivator and hay tedder.

The Massey Harris Company, Toronto, made a large show with binders, mowers and other farm machinery of great merit. They also exhibited the new tying device, which they purpose putting on most of their machines next season, and which is much simpler than the one they have been using. The Governor-General complimented them upon their fine exhibit, which was one of the largest and best ever seen in America.

Messrs. John H. Grout & Co., Grimsby, showed sulky plows of different styles, suitable for fruit-growers, besides a number of different kinds of cultivators.

#### A Celebrated Horse.

Comrade, the subject of the accompanying illustration, is one of the most valuable additions to the studs of Manitoba that the province has yet received. He is a dark chestnut, standing 16.1½ hands high, and weighs 1,250 lbs. His head and neck show the highest quality and breeding, while his long, sloping shoulders and deep, well-sprung ribs, indicate speed and bottom to a remarkable degree.

Owing to an unfortunate accident, Comrade's turf career was cut short, he only having started in five races, one of which he won, and in all of which he was well placed. He was awarded the diploma and \$100 prize at the Portage Spring Stallion Show of 1890, and first prize at the

#### Demoralizing the Fairs.

BY WM. THOMPSON.

At a meeting of farmers held in London a few years ago I distinctly remember an indignant protest entered by the late honored founder and proprietor of the *ADVOCATE* against the introduction or extension of what are now styled agricultural fair "attractions." With that sagacity and foresight, characteristic of Mr. Weld, at the inception of tendencies calculated to jeopardise the true interests of agriculture, he ventured a prediction on that occasion as to what the outcome would be. Time has fully vindicated his position, and will continue more and more to emphasize it, if stern limits are not set to the development of this "circus" idea.



"COMRADE," THE PROPERTY OF MR. E. H. WEBB-BOWERS, BRANDON, MAN.

Messrs. John Elliott & Co., London, showed a Warrior mower, also a new harrow, which is constructed of one and a-half inch pipe instead of wood frame. By a lever the teeth can be set at any angle, so as to make the harrow cut deep or shallow.

P. E. Shantz, Preston, showed the Buck binder, Preston mower, grain crusher, root pulper, straw-cutter, and Rose disk harrow.

Messrs. Haggart Bros., Brampton, one Cornell portable engine, one Ohio separator, also the Wide-awake separator.

Messrs. Cochrane Bros., St. Thomas, showed the Lowden hay and grain elevator, made in Durand and Dorchester; also their patent reversible hay and grain carriers.

D. McKenzie, St. Thomas, showed his automatic ditcher. This machine will cut and elevate the soil twelve inches wide to the depth of thirty-three inches.

Messrs. Thos. McDonald & Co., Toronto, showed different styles of metallic shingles and siding.

Brandon Summer Show the same year, in a field of five imported stallions; also first at Souris the same season, and first in a field of four imported stallions at the Brandon Summer Fair this season. He was imported by J. D. McGregor & Co., Brandon, who sold him to Mr. E. H. Webb-Bowers, Brandon, Man.

DEAR SIR,—During the past few years I have advertised in several agricultural journals, and from the record of sales the best results have been obtained from the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*. Judicious advertising is the keystone of success in raising high class stock for the general market, and to obtain this the business must be systematized on the basis of results. Long experience has invariably found the *ADVOCATE* at the head of the schedule as showing the most satisfactory return for the money invested. GEO. M. BEEMAN, Breeder of Choicest Strains of A. J. C. C. Jersey Cattle, Napanee, Ont.

Now that the big exhibitions of 1891 are over, I believe there exists a settled feeling of disgust with the fakir and the snake charmer, short-dressed balloonists and second rate circus performers, dancing puppies and greasy Dead-woodites, insidious gambling concerns and the common associations of the "horse trot," which has been so crowded to the front that the spectator cannot get within gunshot reach of where the many other grand classes of horses meet in competition for the honors of the day. Is it fair to the live stock breeder, the manufacturer and the substantial exhibitors in other departments that 2,000 or 10,000 people should be drawn and kept (for practically it amounts to that) the greater part of the day around the amphitheatre of the jockey, the acrobat and Broncho John and his cohorts? I have been told that the people "like that sort of thing." Unfortunately, large numbers in recent years may have been educated in that direction, but in the name of all that is decent and right let the education be turned in a more elevating and profitable direction.