

good work. In the dairy class there were more entries, John Munroe, Winnipeg; H. V. Glendinning, Bradwardine; W. F. Serritt, Glendale, and W. G. Cowle, Regina. The Holstein cows were drawn up, two of Glennie's and one of Potter's, and they were placed in every possible order by the contestants. Munroe won out, having done his work promptly and concisely stated his reasons. Glendinning came second.

SHEEP.

This feature of the live-stock exhibit was rather poorly represented numerically, but although lacking from that point of view, the quality was exceptionally good. This year's exhibit of Shropshires was much in advance of any shown here for a number of years, and Mr. D. E. Corbett, Swan Lake, has cause to be proud of the prime quality of his flock. Mr. McQueen, Carievale, Assa., acted as judge, and although there was little competition as regards breeder pitted against breeder in the classes represented, yet frequently choice animals of the same age and like conformation and breeding, owned by the same exhibitor, called for decisions which required as thorough a summing-up of the fine points and characteristics of the individual breeds as would likely have been called for had there been several flocks of each breed shown.

In the one class, best pen, any breed, the competition was keen between the different exhibitors, prizewinning pens of the different breeds vying with each other for the highest possible honor granted by the fair to that class. D. E. Corbett's Shropshires came out ahead, A. D. Gamley's Leicesters second, and J. H. Jull & Son's Oxford Downs third. In the fat-sheep competition, D. E. Corbett again got first and A. D. Gamley second. The fine-wools had the advantage in this class, it being more difficult to get a Leicester evenly-fleshed on top of the shoulder, and a bareness there detracts in a competition of this kind perhaps more than in the ordinary usefulness of the class as a whole for fat purposes.

In Shropshires, D. E. Corbett got all the prizes; in Leicesters, A. D. Gamley; in Oxford Downs, J. H. Jull & Son; and in Southdowns, Wm. Smith. These flocks captured all of the first prizes at Winnipeg (except three in the Southdown class) and most of the seconds, which proves that although competition was lacking, yet the prizes were richly deserved and fully won.

SWINE.

In this department the exhibit was much stronger than previously, and were the pens floored to keep the animals clean and the classes of sheep and swine arranged in order, instead of being indiscriminately mixed, the exhibit would have been a most interesting one. The swine of all breeds were judged by Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, Ont., the famous poultry judge, and in several instances he reversed the decisions given at Winnipeg by Prof. Ferguson.

In the Berkshire and Yorkshire classes, the herds of Messrs T. Greenway, Crystal City, and A. B. Potter, Montgomery, Assa., were represented by practically the same entries as at the Winnipeg Industrial. In the Berkshire class, the Prairie Home herd won in aged boar, with Victor, and, except sows under six months, in the female classes; also the male and female championships on Victor and Daisy, respectively. Potter won on yearling boar with General French, and on boar under a year, as well as on sows under six months.

In the Yorkshire class there were some interesting competitions. Potter's first-prize aged boar, Jim Hill, won the sweepstakes over Greenway's first-prize yearling, Monarch. Greenway won on Defender in the under-year class, and Potter the under six months. It was in the female class that the judge put forward the big, strong Potter sow, Brampton Maid, over the Greenway sow, Oughton Sex, a lower set sow, of finer quality. He also preferred in the yearling class the straighter and more compact sow, Princess, to the more rangy Her Majesty, both from the Prairie Home herd, thus reversing the order at Winnipeg. Potter's aged sow was awarded the female championship. Greenway won on sows under a year, and Potter on under six months.

In Tamworths, W. L. Traut, Crystal City, was the principal exhibitor, and won all firsts competed for, including aged boar and sow and champion sows on both sexes. His entries were the same as at Winnipeg. W. M. Smith, the Ontario exhibitor, was the only competitor.

In the other classes, Traut and Smith were the principal exhibitors, and both showed to local exhibitors, and the best of it in the breeding class, there was practically no competition in the other classes.

Poultry.

The poultry exhibit was, in fact, the best ever seen at this fair, in fact, ever seen in the West, and what is more, nearly all of it was made by local breeders. Mr. J. H. Jull & Son, Windsor, Ont., judged the exhibit, and impartiality and his decisions were not in question, for he is a man of high standing in the business. While the fancy breeds and Bantams were sufficiently well represented to make the exhibit

a most interesting one in point of variety, the utility breeds were strongly in evidence, and it was no empty honor to win prizes in these classes. In the Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes, the competition seemed to be very keen. Thos. H. Chambers, the well-known breeder of Barred Rocks, won the diploma for best display in the American class, the special for the best pen, any variety, and also for the best pair. J. W. Higginbottom, the Virden fancier, who has achieved such marked success with Light Brahmas, secured a first for the best cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, and pen, any variety. W. Anderson was awarded, in addition to many single prizes, the diploma for the best display of Asiatics, and first for the best pair in the Asiatic class. The diplomas for best display in the Mediterranean class, and also in the Bantam class, went to Milne Bros., Brandon, in addition to prizes in the breed sections. In turkeys, Jas. Herriot, of Souris, and Jas. Brennen, were the principal winners, Herriot winning the class diploma. Jas. Brennen won the diploma for the best exhibits of ducks, and Miss Duncan, in geese.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

In this department the exhibit was much smaller than usual. It was judged by Dairy Superintendent Murray. In the creamery class there was but one entry, that of the local creamery. It seems strange that more creameries do not enter this competition, as the prizes are liberal in this section, being \$25, \$15 and \$10. The exhibit of the Brandon creamery scored 93 points.

In the farm dairy 30-pound crock or firkin class, the winners scored very close, although their respective residences are far apart. First went to Mrs. J. C. Pope, who lives near the Territorial capital, with a score of 92½; John Allman, of Roden, second, with 92 points; and John Rolston, Rapid City, next, with 91½.

The highest-scoring package in the exhibition was John Gorrell's (Carberry) prints, 95; Geo. Allison, of Elkhorn, being a close second, with 94½, and Mrs. R. Rodgers, also of Elkhorn, with 94. A section for "fancy table" butter is still retained in the Brandon list, and here, the fancy of some good housewives being let loose, marvellous creations in yellow oil are presented to the admiring gaze of the public: crowns and sceptres, swans and savages, and little patties of all sorts of shapes. In the 20-pound firkin farm dairy "made with separator," John Gorrell again won, with 92 points; Jos. Cope, Broadview, second, with 91, and John Rolston next, with 89½. Mrs. Pope, Regina, got the diploma for best dairy butter.

The exhibit of cheese was small, the winners and scores being as follows: Factory, colored—1 B. Dutton, Birtle, 92; 2 Z. A. Race, Brandon Hills Cheese Factory, 88; 3 Brandon Creamery, 85. Factory, white—1 B. Dutton, 93; 2 Brandon Creamery, 90. Homemade cheese—1 D. J. Clark, Killarney, 88; 2 Mrs. Alcock, Gladstone, 84; 3 E. Reid, Brandon, 83.

HONEY.—A very attractive, though small, display of honey was made in the dairy building, Robert Healy, Oak River, winning all the firsts, with J. A. Gately, Austin, second.

MILK TEST.

The Holstein Association contributes \$25, which is supplemented by another \$25 by the Exhibition Association, for a milk test. The money was divided into two prizes, one for cows four years and over, the other for cows under four. The test occupied two days, and was judged without regard to the feed, on the following scale: 20 points for each pound of fat, 4 points for each pound of solids not fat, 1 point for each ten days in milk after the first thirty days (limit 10 points). In each section, two entries were made. In the aged, Jas. Herriot, Souris, entered his eight-year-old Tempest 14th, and Jas. Glennie, Longburn, Flossetta Teake, the five-year-old daughter of Daisy Teake's Queen.

Tempest gave a total of 96½ lbs. milk, testing 3.71, and scored 81.54 points, thus winning first money. Flossetta gave 68.11 lbs. of milk, testing 3.32, making 68.12. It is but fair to say that the old cows gained points on time since calving.

In the younger class, Jas. Glennie entered Modest Maiden, three years and one month old, and A. B. Potter, Lady Abbekirk, who gave 88½ lbs. milk testing 2.68, score 53.66, while Modest Maiden got second place, with 99 lbs. of milk testing 2.26 and scoring 47.58.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

The showing of wheat was not large, but of prime quality. In Red Fife, O. H. Cullen, Bonanza, first; N. A. Douglas, Hartney, second; White Fife, J. Stott, Kenney, first; and W. Dixon, Glenaville, second. Barley, oats, timothy, clover and native grasses were exceedingly well represented both in the growing form and also in the form of seed. C. F. Brown, of Brandon, was the principal exhibitor of growing crops, and his exhibit of great length and variety, including wheat, barley, oats, timothy, clover, and native grasses, was a most interesting one. In the seed exhibit, C. F. Brown was again the principal exhibitor, and his exhibit of great length and variety, including wheat, barley, oats, timothy, clover, and native grasses, was a most interesting one.

Montgomery, contributed a splendid sample of peas. Numerous other smaller products of value helped to tastefully decorate and at the same time afford instruction, which is the major half of the two-fold mission of all the beautiful and useful articles displayed before an admiring public in the agricultural halls of any society.

Neepawa Fair.

In spite of the fact that the extension of the Canadian Northern Railway had cut the fair grounds in two and demolished some of the stock pens, the summer fair of the Beautiful Plains Agricultural Society, held on Aug. 5 and 6, was a success and credit is certainly due to its officers, whose personal exertions carried things through in spite of the extra difficulties which had this year to be faced. This local society is certainly one of the most enterprising in the Province, due very largely to the fact that live men are placed on the directorate, who do not stint their personal convenience in order to make their fair worthy of the magnificent district it represents. One of the first things that struck the "Advocate" representative as he landed on the station platform at Neepawa was the presence there of the president and several directors to offer a welcoming hand to the judges, whom they had brought from outside provincial points, and the welcome did not cease at the station platform, for the judges were treated as the special guests of the Society and made to feel their welcome, by being treated to a drive through some of the magnificent wheat fields of the neighborhood and past some of the big stock barns which are beginning to be a feature of this district. In passing, it is worthy of note that, for the benefit of the Society, a delightful little performance, produced entirely by local talent, was given in the Opera House, both evenings of the fair, and which we learned netted some \$350.

The weather during both days was perfect and the attendance on the second day most gratifying. It was, as nearly as could be, a purely agricultural show, and such shows can be made successful if the agricultural and stock judging features are made interesting and instructive.

The first day was devoted to placing and judging the exhibits in the main hall. The upstairs was occupied with ladies' work and fine arts, bread and preserves, which departments were fairly well filled, especially the bread. On the first floor were displayed the vegetables, grain, grasses, dairy products, etc. In grains, the exhibit was fair, good samples winning the \$25 special for 10 bushels Red Fife wheat, first going to Mrs. Street, second to Jas. Murdock. Some interesting exhibits were made of grains and grasses in sheaf. The sheaves of Brome, native rye grass, timothy and one of red clover being particularly fine.

On the shelves, ranged round the outer walls of the octagon hall, a very excellent exhibit of vegetables was made for this season, which for garden stuff has been late. Mr. S. Larcombe, Birtle, who judged this class, pronounced the display of potatoes and beets to be particularly worthy. Some splendid samples of small fruits, red and white currants and raspberries, were also made. As the prizes were so well scattered between the numerous competitors, lack of space prevents enumerating the winners.

In the dairy class, for the protection of which an impromptu refrigerator had been constructed. The exhibit was not as large as usual, there being only about 25 entries. The judge, F. Lutley, faulted it all alike for being tainted with a weedy flavor.

On the forenoon of the second day the live-stock judging began. Dr. S. J. Thompson, P.V.S., officiating as judge of horses and delivering an address on the points of the horse after the judging was completed. In light horses this district is not particularly strong, except perhaps in the ring for single drivers, in which Dr. Leech won out, with Mr. Kellington second, and M. J. Kilpatrick, commended. In carriage stallions registered, Hugh Stewart's Golden King was placed first, W. Willoughby second. In roadster stallions (registered), Hackney, Thoroughbred or standard-bred, Sam McLean's Hackney, Confidence Squire, won over S. Benson's Standard-bred, Dams. In the draft class, the Shire horse, Provost, shown by Walter Card, won out over Sam McLean's Clydesdale, Pretoria. Steven Benson's Clydesdale mare, Princess Sonia, won over R. Elliot's entry in the brood mare class, while with their foals they were in reverse order. The competition for honors in agricultural teams was keen, John Gibson winning out over Wm. Willoughby, who got second, with a highly-commended to E. Manley's team.

A few years ago there were but few breeders of improved cattle on the Beautiful Plains, and most of the cattle exhibited were grades. Now, however, the pure-breds predominate, and both pure-breds and grades are improving vastly in quality. Short-horns seem to monopolize the attention of the breeders. W. G. Styles, of Rosser, placed the awards throughout the class. The largest interest centered in the competition in the bull and two years old and aged cow classes. In