

The Binscarth Dispersion Sale.

This sale had been the chief topic of discussion in stock circles for a month, and to say you had not been asked, "Are you going up to the Binscarth sales?" was to proclaim one's self outside the pale of stockmen's society. The sale was well attended from almost all parts of Manitoba, and many parts of the Northwest Territories, and when the express from the east reached Binscarth on the evening prior to the sale, the largest cargo of human freight that Binscarth ever saw arrive at one time was discharged at the depot. The cattle were in good, thrifty breeding condition, and the sale was conducted throughout in a manner to reflect credit on the farm manager, Mr. G. L. Smellie. This was Mr. Smellie's first sale, but many stockmen much longer in the business might, with profit, follow his example in many respects. The catalogue numbers, sale numbers, and breeding list numbers were the same, thus avoiding any confusion of numbers. There were sold in all seventy-three head of pure-bred Shorthorns and thirteen Shropshire sheep, and all within the space of three hours. The Shorthorns realized an even ten thousand dollars, an average, including some eight calves dropped before the first of January, of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars, or, taking out the eight calves, an average of one hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty-four cents. One pleasing feature of this sale is that, as predicted by the *ADVOCATE* in the May number, a foundation was laid in many instances for a new herd. The following is a list of the sales:—Females—Thos. Speirs, Bradwardine, Rosie 4th, \$95, and Velvet of Binscarth, \$105. John Berron, Carberry Fancy 2nd, \$110. Charles Bent, Binscarth, Maid of Binscarth, \$85. James Ewing, Newdale, Binscarth Lady, \$60. J. Burland, Rapid City, Jessamine 4th, \$90. J. A. Stutt, Fairmede, Assa., Prairie Violet, \$125, and Queen Violet, \$115. Mr. Drummond, manager for Major Gen. Wilkinson, Birtleside Farm, Violet's Gem, \$95, and Tendril, \$90. Mr. Dunoon, Rapid City, Prairie Queen, \$115. Mr. Drought, Binscarth, Faith, \$70. Alexander McPherson, Springfield, Jessamine 12th, \$200. J. Y. Attwood, Russell, Jessamine 15th, \$120; Scarlet Velvet, \$115; Daisy 7th, \$130, and Maggie 21st, \$130. George Porter, Solsgirth, Lady Bell, \$100. F. C. Baker, Binscarth, Rosie 6th and heifer calf, \$155. John Rose, Strathclair, Roseleaf, \$115, and Daisibelle, \$85. John Seabach, Seaburn, Surprise, with bull calf at foot, \$190. James Proctor, Virden, Binscarth's Choice, \$125. L. Hartshorn, Westbourne, Moss Rose Bud, \$135; Rein, \$80; Jessamine 18th, \$125; Bellmaid, \$85; Rosa Hillhurst, \$175, and Orphan, \$180. W. Dawson, Meadowlea, Constancy, \$150. Mr. Riddell, Moosejaw, Manitoba 3rd, \$125, and Bluebell, \$150. W. R. Speers, Hillview, Maggie 20th, \$125. George Olliver, Carberry, Lady Fannyhood 3rd, \$85. Joseph McLennan, Hamiota, Roan Belle, with heifer calf at foot, \$170. James Collie, Birtleside, Bellflower, \$130. Rev. Mr. Hale, Minnedosa, Prairie Lily, with bull calf at foot, \$230. Mr. Hunt, Langenburg, Prairie Maid, \$110. Parker Binney, Seaburn, M. Henriette, \$60. Mr. Stuart, Castleavery, B. Central, with heifer calf at foot, \$225; Fanny 2nd, \$110. Mr. J. Cadden, Minniski, Binscarth Beauty, \$105. Mr. McIntosh, Silver Creek, Princess of Birtleside, \$165. Mr. Bloomfield, Carberry, Lady Fergus, \$160. Wm. Lindsay, Two Creeks,

Birtleside Lass, \$120. Mr. Pedlow, Hamiota, Blanche, \$85. H. O. Ayerest, De Clair, Starlight, \$155. John Glover, Castleavery, Excellence, \$150; Ellie 3rd, \$180. Mr. Leonard, Assissippi, Simplicity, \$53. J. S. Ellison, Birtle, Mountain Rose 3rd, \$130. James Mitchell, Castleavery, Ellie 2nd, \$155. Messrs. Puxley, Westbourne, Redberry, \$190, and Gaxelle, \$135. Mr. Drysdale, Oak Lake, Fawn of Binscarth, \$80. Joseph Duggan, Castleavery, Ury of Binscarth, \$145. Bulls—Mr. Helgison, Langenburg, Barrister, \$155. Messrs. Pixley, Westbourne, Excelsior, \$155. Wm. Patterson, Yorkton, Marquis of Neidpath, \$280. Wm. Lindsay, Two Creeks, Rioter, \$155. Mr. Drummond, Manager of Birtleside Farm, Birtle, Young Barrister, \$205, and Conqueror, \$105. Mr. Ellison, Kola, Sturdy Chief, \$205. Mr. Craig, Strathclair, Timekeeper, \$100. Alex. Forsyth, Brandon, Jessamine's Pride 2nd, \$165. W. R. Speers, Hillview, Tutor, \$130. E. Hodson, Springfield, Young Senator, \$160. Gilbert McKay, Springfield, Pugilist, \$100. Mr. Lee, Certainty, \$115. J. Murray, Binscarth, Watchman, \$165. The ten Shropshire ewes averaged \$40, going to Pixley, of Westbourne, and Proctor, of Virden. The flock ram, Hero of Binscarth, was sold to Birtleside Manager for \$105, and the other two rams, home-bred, \$30 each.

Portage Farmers' Institute.

At the invitation of Dr. Franklin, of Lansdowne College, the regular meeting of this institute, on Saturday, May 30th, was held in the class-room of that institution. Mr. James Glennie read a paper on dairying, and on the invitation of the President, Mr. J. W. Bartlett, of the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*, made a few remarks on the same subject. The discussion then closed, and, after a bountiful lunch had been partaken of, Dr. Franklin placed in the hands of the President a programme of music by the young ladies of the college, and addresses by Revs. Daniels and Wright and Messrs. Miller and Braithwaite. While all acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, the vocal solo by Miss Edith Miller was superbly rendered, as well as the instrumental duet by Misses Robertson and Ryan. Misses Garland and Bell gave instrumental solos that were highly appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was given Dr. Franklin. The audience sang "God Save the Queen" and separated, hoping to enjoy another such meeting in the near future. These literary meetings in connection with our institutes are destined to become very popular. Brandon and Portage have taken the initiative, and other places are about to follow. This is as it should be, providing as it does for the enjoyment of the ladies of the family; but there is yet one step necessary, viz., to provide something of interest for the boys. It has been noticeable all through the past winter that very few, if any, boys or young men attended the regular meetings, or, indeed, any other. If the institutes are to prove an unqualified success, the young men and boys must be reached. It is to be feared, however, that in some cases the fathers are to blame in this matter, leaving the boys at home while they themselves attend. The writer is acquainted with a farmer who has three sons almost full-grown, and who hires men to do the work for the day when such would compel the boys to remain at home. Youth is the time to acquire an education, and seeds of knowledge sown at that time are likely to produce an abundant harvest in after life. Let us have the boys at the institutes.

Manitoba Notes.

The Winnipeg Free Press, of the 15th June, speaking of the Manitoba crops, says:—"There is every promise of a yield even more abundant than that of last year. A pleasing feature is the steady growth of the areas under cultivation, indicating an equally steady growth in population and an abiding confidence in the country by the older settlers."

The June excursions to Manitoba, to enable Ontario farmers to see the country for themselves, were very largely patronized. Other excursions will likely be run in August.

Notwithstanding the McKinley Bill, with its prohibitory duty, the area of barley in Manitoba has increased 36 per cent. over last year.

Bulletin No. 28 of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture was issued on the 15th June. The total acreage put under crop this season is shown to be 1,350,201 acres, being an increase of 267,407 over that of 1890. Of this increased area 170,707 acres are devoted to wheat, 70,110 to oats and 23,793 to barley.

The areas of land under cultivation in Manitoba this year, compared with last, is as follows:

	1890.	1891.
Acres under wheat.....	746,058	916,664
" " oats.....	235,534	305,644
" " barley.....	66,035	89,828
" " peas.....	1,170	555
" " potatoes.....	10,812	12,710
" " roots.....	7,977	9,351

French Settlement in Manitoba and the Northwest.

The readers of the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* in the Eastern Provinces may be glad to know something of those who have left the province of Quebec, and gone out to establish new homes on the western prairies. In townships six and seven, range twenty-four, Manitoba, a colony has been formed by Rev. Father Gaire. Previous to July, 1888, those townships only contained some four or five families, or about fifteen souls. At that time Rev. Father Gaire began to colonize the district, and has since placed there some sixty French-Canadians, one hundred Belgians and one hundred and thirty French, making a total of three hundred and fifty. Although the soil is not considered to be of the very best quality, being somewhat light and sandy, still it is adapted to mixed farming, and those who settled there some three years ago have now made themselves comfortable homes. As their stock increases, an effort will be made to establish creameries and cheese factories in the district, the bluffs and ponds affording an excellent run for cattle. We give one instance to show how two or three years changes a man's circumstances—it is that of Mr. Francis Barbot, who arrived in 1888 with very little capital. He and his two sons now have clear deeds to 480 acres of land, and have a comfortable home and stock, besides, they have opened a blacksmith shop and do the work for their neighbors in the settlement. Count Roffignac visited the settlement last spring, and induced several of the farmers to plant and cultivate chicory which he has agreed to purchase. If it is found that it is successful it will be grown largely in the future. There are a number of French farmers located farther west, near Oak Lake, who are also doing well. Although most of the land has been occupied in these settlements, still there is land farther west on the Pipestone which may be obtained. Those who are now here will be glad to welcome any of their friends in the east who may wish to make homes for themselves in Manitoba.