

Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show



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The Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show to be held at Brandon, March 5th to 11th is an institution which in an unusual degree possesses the confidence of the farmers and breeders of Western Canada. The fact that it has been promoted solely in their interests is evidently fully recognized and the Manitoba Winter Fair is a pleasing instance of the good feeling which ought to exist in every case between exhibitor and management.

The Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show is one of the best evidences of prosperity and good fellowship among the farmers that there is to be had at the present time. It provides an opportunity for good, clean, wholesome competition of the best of the farmers' products. It comes at a time when the farmers can most easily get away from their homes and farm work for a period of a few days' rest and if we are to judge by the crowds that have thronged the buildings of the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show during the past two years, we can but conclude that they are taking advantage of the opportunity.

From its inception, the Manitoba Winter Fair has always provided an attractive horse exhibit and each succeeding year, the ever increasing number of imported horses has made this department a more striking feature and it is now recognized as the greatest show of pure bred draft stallions in Western Canada. The Winter Fair has proved a horse market of inestimable value, a factor which importers have not been slow to recognize. The prospective buyer is however, protected fully and an award at Manitoba Winter Fair now sets the standard of value for imported horses in Western Canada.

The fat stock department is one which is worthy of particular attention by those who appreciate the significance of the warnings repeatedly given by those best

qualified to know respecting the necessity of crop rotation and soil culture. The primary object of this department is to teach the farmer by practical demonstration and lecture how best to turn out



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a prime fat animal fit for the export and "fancy" trade and to convince him that fat stock raising is not only a profitable industry in itself but doubly so when its relation to soil nutrition is concerned.

The fat stock exhibit at the last Winter Fair was something of a revelation to those who were sceptical of the ability of Manitoba farmers to produce show fat stock and there is every reason to believe that the fair next March will again show a marked advancement.

A most interesting feature of the 1910 Show is the holding of the Manitoba Provincial Poultry Exhibition in conjunction with the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show. The advantages of this arrangement to poultry breeders in the West will be apparent and indications are not lacking that this exhibition of poultry will create a record for

the West which will not be easily beaten.

The prize list for the Fair is one that cannot fail to attract attention. In the horse department the Clydesdale and Percheron breeds are most liberally dealt with, the Winter Fair Association offering exceedingly handsome cash prizes which are supplemented by special prizes offered by the Canadian Clydesdale Horse Association and the Percheron Society of America.

The Shire, Agricultural, heavy draft, Hackney standard bred and Pony classes are all generously provided for and a more than usually interesting feature is provided in the competition for the "best mannered Hackney or Standard bred stallion shown on hand or line" for which prizes of \$50.00 and \$35.00 are offered.

The prizes in the cattle, sheep and swine departments are sufficient to insure spirited competition. Special mention may be made of the "Grand Championship beef steer or heifer" prize of \$100.00 which carries along with it the custody of the McGregor Challenge Shield for one year and a gold medal to the annual winner.

The Winter Fair Building at Brandon is acknowledged to be the finest of its kind in Western Canada. This building is hardly yet three years old and already it has been found necessary to build an addition 70 ft. x 120 ft. at a cost of \$13,000 in anticipation of the next fair. When this is completed the total investment in Winter Fair Building will be over \$70,000 surely a glowing tribute to the ambition of the Citizens of Brandon and farmers in the surrounding districts to make the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show the greatest institution of its kind in Canada, an ambition which the Winter Fair of 1910 seems destined to gratify.



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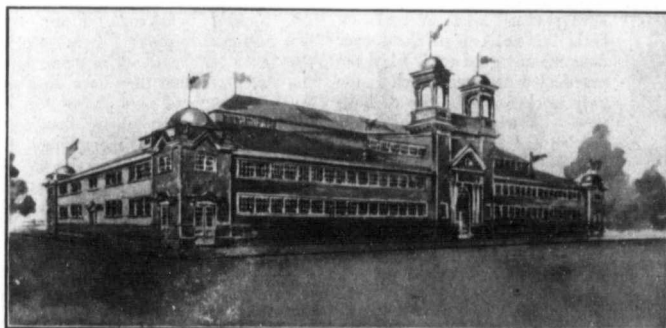
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A new part has been added this year which is not shown on illustration

Winter Fair Buildings, Brandon.