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Editorial.

Appointment.

Mr. Hugh McKellar, who has been appointed Chief Clerk in the Department of Agriculture and Immigration of Manitoba, as successor to the late J. W. Bartlett, was born in the township of East Zorra, in the county of Oxford, Ontario. His father, John McKellar, a farmer, was one of the pioneer settlers of that township. He received his early education in the public schools, and commenced to teach when sixteen years old. At the age of eighteen he took a course of study at the Toronto Normal School. Passing his examination successfully, he taught for over three years in East Zorra. Afterwards he studied and taught in the Galt Collegiate Institute, in the time of Dr. Tassie. Leaving Galt, he took charge of the Paisley Public School, where he remained for three years. Then for three years and a-half he had charge of the Teeswater Public School. At the close of this engagement, July, 1880, he came to Manitoba, via Emerson, and located near Pilot Mound, in what was known as the "Paisley Colony." In 1881 he lost his wife, a daughter of James Laidlaw, who resides near Clearwater. His only daughter resides with her grandparents, near Clearwater. For the next eight years he led an active life, principally engaged in farming, but travelled through all parts of the province. He always took an active part in agricultural societies and farmers' institutes. In March, 1890, he received the appointment of Immigration Agent, in company with Mr. Smith, in the Winnipeg office. In the fall of 1890 the Government sent Mr. McKellar, privately, to report on the condition of farmers generally in North and South Dakota, in response to the many letters of inquiry from those States about Manitoba. Mr. McKellar spent five weeks on the trip. His report was so practical and satisfactory that it may be said to have led indirectly to the work that has been going on since that time by the Dominion Government. In May, 1891, Mr. McKellar was sent by the Department to take charge of the Immigration Office in Toronto, where he remained until February last. On the first of March, 1892, he was sent to open and manage a new office for the Maritime Provinces, at Moncton, N. B., where he remained until called back to be promoted to the position of Chief Clerk in the Department of Agriculture and Immigration. The press has commented very favorably on the work done by Mr. McKellar in the past, and his experience in the various immigration offices, as well as his personal knowledge of all sections of the Province, combine to qualify him for the duties of his new position, upon the discharge of which he enters with zeal and strong faith in the future of Manitoba as a great agricultural country.

A cargo of two-rowed Canadian barley was recently sold in England, and netted the Toronto shippers 68 cents after all expenses were paid. More was required for at the same price.

Midland Central Fair.

The Secretary of the above Exhibition writes as follows:—The entries are now pouring in for the Midland Central Fair, which is the first of the big shows held this year in Ontario. It opens on Sept. 1, but the first two days are to be given to preparation. The formal opening by Lieut. Governor Kirkpatrick occurs on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, which is children's day. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, there will be special attractions, which, added to the usual features of the fair, will make a visit quite interesting. The bicycle meet on one day, and drill competition among uniformed societies, are promising incidents. The speeding is, of course, the drawing card among horsemen. The buildings are being considerably improved. The Poultry Association is enlarging its accommodation, in view of an unusually large poultry exhibit. Most of the judges are from a distance, and there will be one for each class. Get a premium list from J. P. Oram, the Secretary.

Toronto Industrial.

It is certain that the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, which opens September 5th and closes September 17th, will surpass all others. The area of the grounds has been doubled; a new grand stand, which will seat 12,000 people, has been erected, and a new half-mile track has been added. The entries so far received exceed any made at previous fairs. The exhibit of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry will be very large and of great excellence. Farmers from all over Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces are making exhibits, while the demand for space for the display of farm produce, fruit and flowers is larger than usual. Dairy utensils and agricultural implements will be a prominent feature of the show. The sum of \$150,000 has been voted by the citizens of Toronto for improvement on the grounds, and that sum is now being expended. The entries for manufactured goods is also very large, and a grand display in the main building is guaranteed. The special attractions in the ring will be more numerous and better than ever. The dog show opens September 12th. A specially interesting display will be that made from the Canadian experimental farms, and the products of British Columbia and the great Northwest.

When Prof. Saunders was in Toronto last he had a long conversation with Manager Hill. It is the desire of the Dominion commissioners to make a full and fine exhibit of ladies' work from all over the Dominion at Chicago. To that end the Dominion Government will send a lady expert to Toronto during the fair, who will select the best specimens of ladies' work in all classes, and they will be sent to Chicago. The Toronto management has provided suitable glass cases with keys, in charge of the lady superintendent, for the exhibit of ladies' work, so that no damage from dust or handling can possibly interfere with the exhibits. Prof. Saunders states that the Dominion Government will provide similar cases for the Chicago Exhibition. On the strength of this fact the management of the Toronto Fair has decided to extend the time for making entries in the ladies' department, and it is hoped it will be taken advantage of. The