

Farmers' Rally at Wolseley.

Under the auspices of the Wolseley Agricultural Society, a farmers' rally was held in that town a few weeks ago. The gathering was a large and enthusiastic one, and the meeting, from every point of view, a huge success. After the banquet feature had been ably disposed of, after-dinner speeches, brimful of practical agricultural matter, thrown out with forceful energy, flowed fluently from the various speakers, and effectually stamped the meeting as one of the epochs in the history of the society. Live agricultural topics were picked up and discussed in a manner which clearly showed that intense interest was devoted to the solving of some of the hardest problems which the farmer has to face at the present moment.

Senator Perley, the first speaker of the evening, advocated mixed farming, and spoke of the grand heritage which we Western Canadians enjoy. He pointed out a few of the difficulties of the present time which can be overcome, and favorably commented upon the natural conditions of our land and climate.

Next followed Dr. Elliott, M. L. A., who offered some encouraging words to the agricultural societies in general, and strongly advised them to push onward and not to expect much Government help, but rather use their full power in fostering agricultural education.

M. D. Geddes, of the editorial staff of the "Farmer's Advocate," followed, and spoke on the advantages of united effort as a means of attaining best results. The mayor of the town, Mr. Ferguson, then addressed the gathering on the peculiar helps to be derived from unity between town and country.

N. Snow, organizer of the T. G. G. A., was the next speaker. He showed that wheat and mixed farming were both profitable branches of agriculture, but handicapped in this country through lack of transportation. Then he spoke on the transportation question, and stated that if our present transcontinental line would not, in black and white, furnish a better promise of living up to their obligation, then the T. G. G. A. had a movement on foot with one of the southern lines which would help alleviate the present difficulties.

H. Brooks, G. R. Campbell, Rev. M. Coon, Rev. J. G. McKechnie, Mr. Branion (principal of the Wolseley school), Mr. Gates (Vice-President of the Society), and others took an able part in the speech-making feature of the evening. The deep interest manifested by the entire gathering as the various speakers voiced their sentiments spoke volumes for the quality of the matter and the fitness of the themes discussed. Gatherings of this kind foster unity of thought and motive, and harmonize minor differences, thus strengthening the bonds of brotherhood between man and man.

As an educator, such meetings also play a very important part. Farmers' rallies, institute meetings and all gatherings of like kind have a grand field for work, and it is to be regretted that these important functions of farm life are not more widely cultivated in our midst. Let agricultural societies see to it that they do their full duty along this important line.

Pleased with "Farmer's Advocate."

Following are a few communications, testifying to the merits of the "Farmer's Advocate." In every mail received at this office during the past four months have come letters conveying the warmest appreciation of this paper. We thank our friends for their encouraging words, with which we might fill the paper.

BEST IN THE WEST.

Innisfail, Alta., July 3rd, 1902.
The "Farmer's Advocate," Winnipeg, Man.:
Gentlemen,—The "Advocate" is the best farm journal in the West.
Yours truly,
J. C. ARCHIBALD.

IT'S A PEACH.

Ponoka, Alta., Dec. 30th, 1902.
The "Farmer's Advocate," Winnipeg, Man.:
Gentlemen,—We think your Christmas number a "peach."
J. G. ARMSTRONG & CO., Bankers.

EXCELLENT IN EVERY PARTICULAR.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 8rd, 1903.
The "Farmer's Advocate," Winnipeg, Man.:
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of your Christmas number for 1902. I must say that I am more than delighted with it. It is excellent in every particular.
Yours truly,
N. WOLVERTON, President and Manager,
The Brandon Binder and Twine Co., Ltd.

THE PAPER FOR THE FARMER AND RANCHER.

Morden, Man., Jan. 6th, 1903.
The "Farmer's Advocate," Winnipeg, Man.:
Gentlemen,—I received the Christmas number of the "Advocate," and appreciate it very much. Your journal is quite useful to those engaged in mixed farming, wheat raising or ranching. I remain,
Yours truly,
WILLIAM J. LOWES.

INTERESTS AND INSTRUCTS.

The Foothills Rancho,
Gillingham, Alta., Oct. 10th, 1902.
The "Farmer's Advocate," Winnipeg, Man.:
Dear Sirs,—Though I am comparatively a new subscriber to your paper, I have already found in it much to interest and instruct. One feature I especially commend, viz., the absence of objectionable "quack" advertisements which disfigure and pollute so many of our Canadian papers. I remain,
Yours truly,
EDWIN G. SMITH.

Annual Agricultural Meeting, Indian Head.

The annual reunion of the Indian Head Agricultural Society was held at the above mentioned town on Thursday evening, January 15th. The gathering proved a very successful one, over 400 being present to enjoy the ably-prepared programme. The different features of the evening all brought enjoyment in their varied ways, and a very pleasant and profitable gathering resulted from the united efforts of the executive.

Birtle Grain Producers' Resolution.

At a meeting of the Birtle Farmers' Institute, called for the purpose of discussing the grain blockade, a good representation of farmers from the surrounding district, including a number from the vicinity of Sols-girth and Foxwarren, were present. Several of the speakers favored asking the Legislature to grant municipalities power to operate elevators. After thorough discussion, the following resolution was carried unanimously, and the secretary instructed to have a copy sent to the Minister of Agriculture and all farmers' institutes and agricultural societies in the Province:

"Whereas great inconvenience and loss has been occasioned the farmers of this district through being unable to market their grain, owing in part to the inability of the railroad company to move the grain, and in part to the prices paid for grain being far from representing the true value thereof:

"And whereas that in so far as the movement of grain is concerned or purchase and storage thereof by the elevators, it is difficult to say when and in what way relief would be afforded, and it is feared that the disabilities that the farmer at present labors under are liable to be increased rather than diminished;

"Therefore, it is the opinion of this meeting that the Government of the Province of Manitoba should take the matter into consideration and devise some scheme by which relief would be granted in this and future years, either by Government ownership of a system of elevators or by securing in some way to the farmer the sale of his grain at an earlier date. And it is suggested that it would be advisable for the Government to invite an attendance at Winnipeg at an early date of a representative from each farmers' institute and agricultural society in the Province of Manitoba, or those parts which suffer most, for the purpose of discussing and considering some scheme by which relief may be granted, it being felt that a meeting of such representatives will furnish a greater unity of action than it would if each institute or association were working out on its own lines."

Western Delegates to England.

Ottawa, Feb. 3rd.—Mr. James A. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior, leaves Ottawa to-day for England to carry out the immigration plan which the Department has been arranging for the last six weeks. As was announced some days ago, it has been decided to take over some 40 or 50 farmers for the purpose of giving personal testimony as to the agricultural resources of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The party will be composed of the following gentlemen: J. H. Metcalfe, Westbourne, Man.; James Dale, Wilbur; D. R. Noble, Blyth; K. Murchison, Souris; A. T. Whiting, Qu'Appelle; A. Stewart, Moosomin; Rev. J. L. Brown, Manitou; S. L. Head, Rapid City; Wm. Lothian, Pipestone; Hugh McGillivray, Cottonwood, Assa.; John Dougan, Conmee, Assa.; Joseph Hagerty, Stony Beach, Assa.; T. G. Pearce, Agricola, Assa. (Edmonton); John Templeton, Shoal Lake; R. C. Simpson, Rosser; H. C. Wellams, Kildonan; W. F. Sirrett, Neepawa; R. J. Tailmay, Wapella; R. K. Smith, Maskawata, Man.; Wm. Kendall, Morden, Man.; Eli Williamson, Indian Head; Capt. I. Leese, Holmfield; John Cowan, Pilot Mound; C. J. Thompson, Virden; Robt. McCartney, Buffalo Lake, Moose Jaw; John Forsyth, Glendale, Man.; Thos. Howden, Qu'Appelle; Robt. Giles, Prince Albert; John Miller, Indian Head; James Graham, Roseberry; W. Waines, Moosomin; C. C. Helliwell, Brandon; Arthur Kilburn, Neepawa; John Nicholson, Dauphin; W. W. Fraser, Emerson; J. E. Turner, Stonewall; Lyle Lawrence, Lilyfield; Robert Hall, Brandon; N. Wolverson, Brandon; W. T. Johnston, Wawanesa; Robt. Forke, Pipestone; J. W. Breakey, Souris; J. Y. Bambridge, Souris; Peter Campbell, Carman; Wm. Fulton and D. McVicar, Portage la Prairie.

American Ranchers, Beware!

We are pleased that the Canadian Customs Department is making arrangements for more effectually carrying out the law regarding American round-up parties on Canadian soil. Foreign live stock cannot lawfully be pastured in Canada without entry at the Customs House, and all owners of such stock when rounding-up must present their permit, which provides that the party be accompanied by a member of the police force or an officer of customs, whose duty it is to see that live stock are not unnecessarily molested and that all dealings are straight. Owners keeping foreign live stock in Canada will be held strictly responsible after June, 1903, under penalty of seizure and forfeiture. Casual strays will be dealt with according to the individual circumstances.

Farmers' Institute Campaign.

The Department of Agriculture, Manitoba, is arranging for an extensive series of institute meetings to begin early in March. It is understood that the services of a few lecturers who are known to be specialists in certain lines of agriculture have been secured, and, hence, good meetings may be looked for. The programme, giving full information as to places of meeting, subjects to be discussed, etc., will be issued shortly.



LINCOLN WETHERS.

Winner of first prize, breed cup, cup for best long-wools, and the Prince of Wales challenge cup as best pen of sheep at the Smithfield Club Show, 1902.
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