

# Places for Inspiration

Intense Interest in the Work---2000 people attend

sects up later in a book and mounting them so they would look best. Needless to say, this collection won first prize.

Canada has among such boys as this resources that she cannot afford to do anything but her best to develop. Their parents are anxious they should have the opportunity to develop their talent and secure the same chances as other children, and it is our duty to see that they get it insofar as we can.

Muriel Patterson of Brant had another beautiful collection of butterflies and moths that won a prize.

One boy I wanted to see was Douglas McIntyre who was a member of a wheat judging team at a contest in Winnipeg two years ago. He had a bushel of registered Marquis wheat that was beautiful seed but so little better than a couple of other samples that it was very difficult to decide which was the best. He secured twenty-five pounds of registered seed from the Agricultural College last spring and from this harvested 19 1-5 bushels of splendid wheat. He had taken the class at the Agricultural School in Stonewall after considerable encouragement from Mr. Robinson, the agricultural teacher there. Now he won first on his wheat at the district fair and is on the way to being an expert seed grower.

## What A One-Roomed School Can Do

I met Miss Stafford, the teacher at the one-roomed rural school at Tecumseh. Tecumseh was up against strong competition from the big schools but it may be interesting to know that in spite of this it managed to win forty-six prizes, twenty-two of which were first and second. I said to Miss Stafford, "I suppose you have a basement in your school for doing all this manual training and other work." She said, "No but we are having one put in now. Up to the present time the children have carried on the work in the room they took their regular classes in. The boys did their work before school, at recess or during noon hour. Lots of them came early to get started at it in the morning, and no sooner was recess or noon out than they had a hammer, plane or saw in their hands and were making some one of the many things you see here." I doubt whether a better example could be secured of what can be accomplished in a one-roomed rural school than that of the Tecumseh school.

Among the collection from the Tecumseh school, one boy had a writing desk and a small table. His brother had a book case and his younger brother a taboret. Another boy had made a writing desk and a card table. Only one hour a week of class room time was given up to this work and that was on Friday afternoon.

There were thirty-four coops of chickens representing a great variety of breeds and a lot of beautiful chickens they were.

Such were some of the interesting things I saw at Stony Mountain fair. I could have spent hours more as I said and I should have liked to have mentioned every boy and girl in this article who had an exhibit for they deserved it, but that I must leave until next year.—E.A.W.

## The Fair At Dauphin

More than one thousand farmers, townspeople and visitors attended the second annual fair of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Dauphin district which was held on the agricultural grounds. Farmers drove to town in their \$2,000 motor cars to see their youngsters capture prizes for producing 16 cent hogs and calves that will make the best of beef. Poultry, potatoes, needlework and bread were all displayed with the youthful exhibitors manifesting much concern over their exhibits as the judges passed upon the merits of each.

According to the records of the secretary, W. D.

King, who has labored so energetically for the success of the show, there were 891 entries at the fair. Of these 125 were received in the potato class, 3 in butter-making, 54 in the poultry classes, 21 in the pig class, 8 in the class for calves and 64 in the classes for canned vegetables. Here were to be seen beans, beets, peas and carrots. The scholars of the town schools made a fine display of school work which attracted no end of attention.

Interest however centered in the exhibits of the boys and girls from the country. Long before daylight the youthful exhibitors were out of bed, preparing their exhibits for the show. Not if they knew it, was anyone to capture first prize but themselves. Exhibits were on the ground early, and those in charge had little leisure time on their hands. Pigs and roosters evidently knew that it was fair day and like many youngsters did their best to evade the confines of their keepers. For a pig to run away meant much joy for the hundreds of youngsters gathered around.

## Clearing \$18.02 On A Calf

It was regrettable that it had rained the day before the fair as otherwise the list of exhibits would have been much larger for this prevented quite a number from attending. At the last fair pigs were brought 30 miles to be shown and the youngsters who



The collection of over 350 seeds shown at Stony Mountain by Nicholas Packie

had tended the porkers with so much interest were probably the most keenly interested exhibitors at the fair, the long distance having the effect of making their interest still greater.

Girls took first prizes in both the calf and pig classes. Probably the boys were too busy during the summer helping their fathers sow and reap the crops. Miss Margaret McCorvie of Halley School, a few miles from Dauphin, with a well proportioned red Durham calf captured first prize in the calf class. The calf was born on April 20 and weighed 60 pounds. Margaret bought the calf from her father for \$8.00 and sold him on fair day for \$25.00. Her records showed that she had fed the calf 576 quarts of skim milk at one cent, 70 pounds of chop at one-and-a-quarter cents and 68 pounds of other grains at a cost of one-and-a-quarter cents per pound, making the total cost of feed \$7.48. Margaret figured that her labor should be placed at \$1.50 making a total cost of \$8.98 to which of course must be added the original cost of the calf, making a total of \$10.48. Thus she made a net profit of \$14.52, less the total cost of \$16.98 or \$18.02. Miss



Toulon and Stonewall having it out in Baseball. Many strenuous games were played

McCorvie cared for the calf all the time and is quite a well informed young lady when it comes to discussing calves, how they should be fed and raised and also as to how they should be sold.

Miss Edna Tucker, also of Halley School, with a pair of white Yorkshire pigs led the field in this class. "I bought the pigs for \$14," said Edna telling of her prize winners. They weighed only 36 pounds then, but on June 20 they weighed 118 pounds, and on July 20, 180 pounds. The next month they gained 64 pounds and on August 20 they weighed 244 pounds.

"What did you feed them?" she was asked. "I fed them 240 quarts of skim milk which I figured cost me one cent a quart and 950 pounds of chop at one-and-a-quarter cents. I put down \$2.00 for labor so you see all told the pigs cost \$30.27. I weighed them this morning and they weighed 415 pounds," concluded the youthful pig raiser. On a 16 cent basis the pigs were worth on fair day \$66.40 which meant a net profit to Edna of \$36.13. One boy sold his pair of pigs for \$57.00 at the fair.

In discussing the merits of the exhibits C. A. Weir, of the Agricultural College staff, who was one of the judges, said that the calves were the best he had seen in two weeks and during that time he had visited a good many fall fairs, which were all bigger shows. The two prize calves were particularly creditable.

In the poultry classes Rhode Island Reds predominated. "These Rhode Island Reds are the best I have ever seen at a boys' and girls' fair," declared S. E. Clarke, the poultry judge from the Agricultural College. Cecil Allen captured the championship prizes for pens and roosters. He is a pupil of the Dauphin School and his birds attracted no end of attention. Other breeds were White Wyandottes, White Leghorns and Barred Rocks.

Halley School must have been laying plans for weeks to capture the prizes, for not being satisfied with winning the calf and pig prizes they had Clifford Smith, a mighty smart boy, capture the first prize for potatoes.

Mary Smylki was awarded second prize and Edna Taylor third. Both attend Halley school.

Halley was the best represented school and captured four first prizes. H. L. Kendrick, the school teacher at Halley is largely responsible for the splendid showing made by this district. His sympathetic interest in the boys' and girls' clubs was plainly evident at the Dauphin Fair. The youngsters from this district were indeed keen exhibitors.

The following boys and girls were the proud winners of first prizes in some of the other classes: grain growing, wheat, Neil McDonald, Gartmore School; canning, Jean Martin, Dauphin; country school canning, Lily Dickson (first and second prizes) Dickson School; champion pullet, Harold Reid.

In the cooking classes the town boys and girls captured 18 prizes against three which went to the country. In the sewing classes the prizes were fairly evenly divided between town and country entries. There was a good exhibit of noxious weeds with the prizes going, naturally to those in the country.

One of the features of the Dauphin Show was the interest manifested by the business men of the town. These men took more interest in the boys' and girls' club than they ever have before. This was quite noticeable on the day of the show, by the large number of townspeople, particularly those prominent in affairs, seen on the ground. This is a good sign for with the townspeople taking an interest in what the youngsters on the farms are doing, better rural communities are bound to result.

No little credit should be given to E. M. McCaul, the organizer of the Dauphin Boys' and Girls' club. Mr. McCaul has worked energetically since he first took over the office to make the Dauphin Boys' and Girls' Club one of the biggest in Manitoba. That he has done this is without question. The successful show which was held on October 5, demonstrates as a known and certain fact, that when a man of prominence in the town such as Mr. McCaul, puts his shoulder to the wheel, the boys' and girls' clubs can be made a real factor in the life of the community. The fair rivalled the fair of the agricultural society, which is considered to be one of the best in the province. Associated with Mr. McCaul was E. H. Walker, who is the president of the club. The district school inspector,



Many proud parents travelled to the Dauphin Fair in \$2,000 automobiles to see their children show their 16 cent hogs.

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