

WITH THE FARMERS

LACOMBE FALL FAIR.

The Lacombe Agricultural Exhibition, held at Lacombe on October 15 and 16, was an unequalled success from the standpoint of attendance, which was larger than previous years, and from the high standard of the exhibits. Hon. W. A. Finlay opened the fair and in his address expressed his delight at the new grounds, the splendid buildings and the fine race track which the Agricultural Society have acquired. His wife's fair was the first under the new order of things and foretells the growing success of the fair from year to year.

The live stock exhibits included many pure-bred animals for which the Lacombe district is famous. The Harford classes were represented by the herds of P. M. Ballantyne, John Parker, O. Palmer and P. Huntley. In the short-horn classes were represented by H. Metcalfe, J. Switzer, T. Talbot, and G. F. Root. Mr. Metcalfe won the championship in aged bull and bull calf. G. F. Root carried off the female championship. Mr. Fay, of Blackfalds, had his herd of Angus cattle on exhibition, and G. F. Root, of Lacombe, showed his Highlands.

Murphy Brothers took first prize in Percheron stallions. G. F. Root took second and first second in Percheron mares. R. M. Gibson took first with Clydesdale stallion and first in Clydesdale mares. F. H. Winters showed a fine string of thoroughbreds and E. K. Strathly brought out his fine hackney Woodman, also a fine string of hackney mares and standard breeds.

The heavy draught and agricultural classes were well filled, but representation in the light horses was not large.

Some features in the Agricultural Hall were splendid samples of vegetables and grains, fully matured yellow flint corn and pop corn, ripe tomatoes and apples grown by W. G. Barclay, of Lacombe. The latter had a well-arranged exhibit of various farm products. The quality of the ladies' work was of general comment and there was plenty on exhibition. Horse racing, which was closely contested, brought the fair to a close. The judges of horses and cattle respectively were M. D. Geddes, of Calgary, and G. H. Clarke.

THE GRAINFE STIVAL ASTONISHES PUBLIC

An Adequate Idea of How Rich the Edmonton District is, is Had by Exhibits in Thistle Rink—Festival Formerly Opened Last Night—The Prize Winners.

The directors of the Grain Festival under the auspices of the Edmonton Exhibition Association and the general public have much to be proud of and much to be thankful for when they view the undoubted success of this new venture on the part of the Edmonton district. A fair in such a rich country as this is not complete without a display of the wealth of the fields, orchards and gardens, and this can only be done in the fall of the year. It is to be regretted that this season is one of great strenuousness on the part of the farmer in the threshing of his crops, and that the fair this year has come just in the busy time. For this reason, many farmers who would like to have exhibited their products were prevented from doing so.

The scene presented in the Thistle Rink answers all arguments as to the success of a fall grain festival. The entries are not large and lose their best effect somewhat by being exhibited in a building larger than necessary, but what there is, is of the very best. Most of the judging is completed and the names of the prize winners show how the local farmers have supported the cause.

The Clover Bar district figures prominently throughout the entire list of prize winners. That school district won the prize of \$100 for a display of agricultural products. Individuals won many prizes in grains, grasses and vegetables.

James Tough, one of the most progressive farmers in Central Alberta, has again come to the support of the Edmonton fair. Among other prizes he took first for farmer's individual exhibit, first of collection of uncultivated grasses and first for a collection of native wild grasses.

As the fair is so wide in its scope and is to be extended through every afternoon of the week, it is not advisable on this occasion to give a survey of all that is to be seen and enjoyed. Visitors should not fail to see the manufacturers' exhibits, which are by themselves in the curling rink. Then there is the superior display of ladies' work and school work, which last evening was so much admired. Everybody stops before the fruit exhibits of Kelowna Fruit Company, "The Orchard City" of the Okanagan Valley, and the British Columbia fruit exhibit. Here are samples of the various methods of packing apples and other fruits in boxes for shipping purposes. This is an art in which British Columbia has set the pace for all fruit-producing districts of the world.

There promises to be a large crowd at the rink tonight to enjoy the musical festival and to show their interest in the wealth of the Edmonton district.

The festival was formally opened last evening by Mayor McDougall. The Citizens' Band was present and rendered a number of selections during the evening. One of the features of the evening's attractions at the festival will be the promenade concerts, which will be held each evening during the week. Last evening musical numbers were rendered by the Ladies' Trio, composed of Misses Brie, Down and Moore, who sang "Summer Fancies" and the "Gypsy Chorus," and by Mr. Howard Sturges, who rendered "There is a Land" and the "Yeoman's Wedding."

This evening the program at the promenade concert will include vocal

selections by Miss Jessie Potter and violin selections by Mr. R. Bruce Toller. Lagougue's orchestra will be present.

The following is the partial prize list to date:

School District Exhibit—Class I.—1. Clover Bar District.

Individual Farmer's Exhibit—Class I.—1. James Tough, Edmonton; 2. John Greenlock, Ellerslie; 3. John Farmer, Clover Bar; 4. Rice Shepard, Strathcona; 5. E. Alpaugh, Conjur Creek; 6. Charles Rice, Spruce Grove.

Market Gardeners—Class III.—1. Alex. G. Bisset, Edmonton.

Produce of City Garden—Class IV.—1. Charles Dredge, Edmonton; 2. E. Hammon, Edmonton; 3. Jas. Green, Edmonton.

Grains and Grasses.

Five Bushels Red Fall Wheat—1. Thomas Daly, Clover Bar.

Five Bushels Wheat, any variety—1. E. Alpaugh, Conjur Creek; 2. R. P. Ottewill, Clover Bar.

Five Bushels Wheat, any variety—1. Ernest E. Swift, Clover Bar.

Five Bushels Two-Rowed Barley—1. B. E. Andrews, Strathcona; 2. F. H. Herbert, Strathcona.

One Bushel Best Two-Rowed Barley (for peeling)—1. E. E. Swift, Clover Bar.

Five Bushels Banner Oats—1. E. E. Swift, Clover Bar.

Five Bushels Oats (not Banner)—1. E. E. Swift, Clover Bar; 2. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar; 3. John Greenlock, Ellerslie.

One Bushel Field Peas—1. T. T. Bell, Horse Hills.

One Peck of Flax—1. F. H. Herbert, Strathcona.

Sheaf Wheat—1. E. Alpaugh, Conjur Creek; 2. R. P. Ottewill, Clover Bar; 3. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar.

Sheaf of Oats—1. R. P. Ottewill, Clover Bar; 2. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar.

Sheaf of Barley—1. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar; 2. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar.

Bunch Peavine—1. J. J. Bell, Horse Hills.

Bunch Green Corn Podder—1. F. H. Herbert, Strathcona.

Collection Uncured Cultivated Grasses, Clover, etc.—1. James Tough, Edmonton; 2. James Tough, Edmonton.

Natural Wild Grasses, Peavine, Hopvine, etc.—1. James Tough, Edmonton; 2. James Tough, Edmonton.

Sheaf of Timothy—1. W. D. Warner, Edmonton; 2. James Tough, Edmonton; 3. William Wakeford, Clover Bar.

Sheaf Brome Grass—1. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar; 2. James Tough, Edmonton.

Plants.

Collection of Five Pots—1. Miss Ridgway Smith, Edmonton; 2. The Convent, Edmonton.

Vegetables.

Beets, Round, Bunch of Five—1. C. Rice, Spruce Grove; 2. W. E. Wilkinson, Clover Bar.

Beets, Long, Bunch of Five—1. Mrs. L. Stone, Hortenbury.

Carrots, Three Heads—1. D. Crozier, Edmonton; 2. Mrs. L. Stone, Hortenbury.

Carrots, Long—1. R. J. Mills, Strathcona; 2. C. Rice, Spruce Grove.

Carrots, Short—1. J. S. Wilson, Lamoreaux; 2. C. Rice, Spruce Grove.

Onions from Sets, 10 Bunches—1. D. Crozier, Edmonton; 2. Mrs. L. Stone, Hortenbury.

Onions, from Seed—1. J. S. Wilson, Lamoreaux.

Parsley, Three Growing Specimens—1. C. Rice, Spruce Grove.

Pots, 1908 Growth, Two Quarts, Thistle—1. F. C. Clive, Edmonton.

Potatoes, 1908, One Bushel—1. Wm. Wakeford, Edmonton; 2. J. C. Tubby, Edmonton.

Turnips, Bunch of Five—W. P. Wilkinson, Clover Bar; 2. R. J. Mills, Strathcona.

Sugar Beets—R. J. Mills, Strathcona.

Plants.

One Cosmos—1. The Convent; 2. Mrs. Ridgway Smith, Edmonton.

One Rex Begonia—Edwin Stone, Edmonton.

Primula Obconica—Mrs. Ridgway Smith, Edmonton.

Geranium, double—Ernest E. Stone, Edmonton.

Geranium, single—Class VI., Sec. 8—1. Mrs. Wallace Smith, Edmonton.

Geranium, try leaf—Class VI., Sec. 9—The Convent, Edmonton.

Fuchsia, single—Class VI., Sec. 10—1. Mrs. Ridgway Smith, Edmonton; 2. Ernest E. Stone, Edmonton.

One APlm—Class VI., Sec. 43—The Convent, Edmonton.

Penn. Asparagus, Plumosis, Class VI., Sec. 15—Mrs. Ridgway Smith, Edmonton; first; 2. The Convent, Edmonton.

Fine Arts.

Painting on China—Miss A. McEae, Edmonton; first; 2. Miss Gertrude York, Edmonton.

Fruit on China—Miss Gertrude York, Edmonton.

Animals on China—Mrs. J. A. McCully, Edmonton.

Conventional, China—Miss Campbell's pupils, honorable mention.

Painting on Silk—1. special, Miss Rachel Dennis, Edmonton; 2. Mrs. Campbell, Edmonton.

Water color—Miss Rachel Dennis, Edmonton.

Oil Painting (Landscape)—Mrs. J. A. McCully, Edmonton; first; Miss Rachel Dennis, Edmonton; second.

Oil painting (animal)—1. James Gilles, Strathcona; 2. Mrs. J. A. McCully, Edmonton.

Oil painting (portrait)—Mrs. J. A. McCully, Edmonton.

Pencil drawing—2. Miss Annie Bellamy (no first awarded).

Oil painting—Mrs. J. A. McCully, Edmonton; 2. Miss B. M. Thompson, Edmonton; second.

Pen and ink drawing—1. David Sturges, Edmonton; 2. Miss Alice McEae, Edmonton.

Special fruit in oil, from still life—Miss Rachel Dennis, Edmonton.

Dairy Products and Poultry Dressing.

Roll butter—1. Mrs. L. Stone, Hortenbury; 2. Mrs. Wm. Wakeford, Clover Bar; 3. Mrs. D. Crozier, Edmonton.

Packed butter, home-made, 20 lbs.—1. J. J. Bell, Horse Hills; 2. Helena Morgan, St. Albert; 3. D. Crozier, Edmonton.

Print butter, 10 lbs.—1. Mrs. W. J. Bell; 3. D. Crozier.

Dairy-made butter, tub, 30 lbs.—1. Mrs. Wm. Wakeford; 2. Mrs. W. C. Short; 3. Mrs. J. Bell.

Cheese, home-made, 10 lbs.—1. F. H. Herbert, Strathcona; 2. D. Crozier.

One dozen eggs, broken—1. J. S. Wilson, Lamoreaux; 2. Mr. N. P. Wilt; 3. Chas. Rice, Spruce Grove.

One dozen eggs, white—1. Mrs. W. Vaguet; 2. Chas. Rice; 3. Mrs. W. Mortenson, Leduc.

Pair dressed chicken—1. F. Cullimore; 2. J. J. Bell.

Exhibit native honey (diploma)—W. A. Inglis.

VERMILION FALL FAIR SPLENDID SUCCESS

The District Surrounding This Enterprising G.R. Town Shows That It is in the Agricultural Sections of Alberta—Stock Entries Large and of Excellent Quality—The Prize Winners.

By a Staff Correspondent.

Vermlion, October 10.—The fall fair is growing in importance and interest throughout the whole province. There is an evident appreciation of the place it occupies in making way to the farmer the advance which are being made in the various departments of farm work. The knowledge thus gained seems to keep him in touch with modern and progressive ideas and contributes in no small degree to success in his vocation.

The Vermlion fall exhibition, held at Vermlion on Thursday and Friday of last week, illustrates the growing popularity of the exhibition in this district. The members of the farming community gathered from far and near, and together with visitors from Vegreville, Marchand, and other centers of Vermlion contributed an attendance which greatly exceeded that of previous years. The Vermlion Agricultural Society has made splendid progress in the three years of its existence. Each year has seen the enthusiasm of the community and the extending of those previously on the program. The success of the exhibition this year is a credit to the agricultural society and especially to the indefatigable secretary, P. G. Pilkie, on whom the burden of the work seemed to fall.

A feature of the fair was the large entry of horses in all the classes. The judges were frequently confronted by three and four entries and gave their decisions after careful consideration. A large crowd of spectators closely followed the judging and commented on the quality of the horses.

D. B. Winters figured in the heavy draught and agricultural classes with his string of Clydesdales. E. H. Leveillé, of Mannville, and D. Brown, of Vermlion, were other large exhibitors, the latter showing some good stock in the purpose class. The bulk of the prizes in the roaster class were won by Mannville horses in the face of keen competition.

The cattle entries showed that Vermlion is the centre of a great ranching and dairying country. The difficulty, however, in getting the cattle to the fair prevented the district from making the showing of which it is capable. The fact that several had driven their cattle a distance of eight and ten miles over the prairie to the fair, while J. A. Roseborough had a fine herd of short-horns, in the dairy breeds, J. G. Arthur showed his Ayrshires, which contribute to the support of the Vermlion creamery. A few Jerseys were also on exhibition. In the grade cattle, J. A. Roseborough captured most of the prizes for both milk and beef steers. The best beef steer is credited with having the best beef steer on the grounds and J. G. Arthur with the best milk cow.

The sheep and swine were not extensively exhibited, but what there was is worthy of mention. J. J. Bell, of Islay, showed his flock of Suffolk sheep, and P. G. Pilkie, of Vermlion, grades. D. D. Brown won the Griffin prize for the best pen of bacon hogs.

There was a great stir in the poultry corner. A. W. Foley, poultry superintendent for the province, said that, with the exception of the Dominion Fair at Calgary, he has not seen a finer exhibition of poultry at any Alberta fair. The district seems to have greatly benefited by the poultry propaganda which has been carried on by the Department of Agriculture in connection with the Farmers' Institute meetings. The chicks of 1908 were a likely lot, as were the ducks and geese. The splendid exhibition of turkeys awakened great expectations for the advent of Thanksgiving Day, which should be enthusiastically observed in the Vermlion district.

The Agricultural Tent. Under an expansive canvas was displayed a splendid assortment of vegetables, grains and grasses. The Vermlion district claims to have the best samples of grains along the C.P.R. and the same can be substantiated by the exhibits of wheat and oats. The vegetables upheld the reputation of Central Alberta for garden produce. In the ladies' department was an unusual display of fancy work and domestic products. The ladies of the district contributed largely to the success of the show that they are entitled to be proud of. The judges of the exhibit were as follows: Horses, George Hutton, sen.; Cattle, J. G. Arthur; Sheep, J. G. Arthur; Poultry, J. G. Arthur; Swine, T. H. Thiney, of Medicine Hat; Special fruit in oil, from still life—Miss Rachel Dennis, Edmonton.

The Racing Events.

The large stakes offered in the racing contests brought out some good horses from neighboring districts and keen rivalry resulted. There was great joy in the "richie" camp when a lone Indian boy, riding bare backed, outdistanced all competitors in the relay and point races. His horse was as fleet as a deer and the boy rode as if an Indian can ride.

The following took the prize money in the several events:

Price for all—1. W. A. Reed, 2. W. J. McNab.

Green trail—1. D. B. McLean, 2. R. J. McChilton.

Relay race—1. J. Whitford, 2. M. D. Ford.

Pony race—1. J. Whitford, 2. spot.

Five dash—1 and 2. W. A. Reed.

J. D. Dawson, of Wainwright, carried the bell from the judges' stand.

During the day music was furnished by the Vermlion City Band, and the good ladies of Vermlion.

The officers and directors of the Vermlion Agricultural Society are as follows:

Hon. president, Hon. W. T. Finlay; hon. vice-president, J. B. Holden; M.L.A., president, A. W. Roseborough; 1st vice-president, D. B. Winters; 2nd vice-president, James Common; secretary-treasurer, P. G. Pilkie; board of directors, Thomas H. Brown, James Morrison, A. H. Leveillé, John Thompson, J. A. Roseborough, W. A. Reid, E. Covey, J. G. Arthur, J. J. Bell, A. T. Newbury, W. E. Sutton, James Hagen, W. A. Connolly, H. M. Stewart, hon. director, W. B. Cameron.

The following list in full:

HORSES.

Class 1—Heavy Draught.

Stallion, four years—H. G. Woods, 2nd prize.

Brood mare with foal—D. B. Winters, 1st prize.

Filly or gelding, yearling—J. S. Roseborough, 1st prize.

Foal of 1908—D. B. Winters.

Class 11—Agricultural.

Team in harness—A. H. Leveillé, Mannville.

Brood mare with foal by side—1. A. H. Leveillé, 2. D. B. Winters.

Team in harness—1. J. B. Sandborn, 2. W. B. Hayward.

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