

Turner, presented two very nicely-made teams, though lacking somewhat in action. The class, horse in harness, any height, open to Elgin Co. residents, brought out a really strong show among eight competitors, with good horses, well equipped and well managed. The top of this class was a neatly-turned brown, that showed good style at all times, and in going was well collected, true, and quite high. A little more middle would have made a splendid horse out of this one. She is a three-year-old, and was shown by Jack Martin, of Sparta.

In the Roadster class, Okom Belle and Moko Bird, the property of Miss Wilks, claimed highest honors, though R. J. Young, London, showed a splendid-moving pair. Amongst the amateurs, Mrs. Daisy Ferguson, Southwold, was prominent, with a stylish gray of the kind that wears well, though H. S. Wegg, of St. Thomas, had one good enough to stand first.

In the Ladies' Saddle Class, and Saddle and Harness Class, A. Yeager's Day Dream could find no equal. There were nine competitors, among them being A. Beck's Sir Thomas and Gray Cloud, that came in for second and third, respectively, in the saddle class. In the Hunters and Jumpers, Beck's entries were conspicuous among the winners. Jack Hepinstall, of St. Thomas, showed a very pleasing one, as did also both Smith and Beecher, of London.

#### Rather Light Fruit Crop in Essex.

The cold weather which characterized the opening week of June had a serious effect upon the corn crop, and had it continued a few days longer, many fields would have required replanting. Fortunately, a warm wave has struck Essex, and now (June 15th), the whole aspect, so far as corn-fields are concerned, is rapidly changing. The gloomy features of pessimistic farmers has speedily passed into a broad, sunshiny smile. Harrows and cultivators are being used to considerable advantage in loosening the soil and destroying weeds.

Hay, which in the beginning of the season promised well, is not turning out as expected. In many localities, and more especially on sandy or loamy soil, insufficiently underdrained, has suffered severely through cold, wet weather and late frost, which caught clover just as the blossom was forming. Nevertheless, as this underdrained section is somewhat circumscribed, there will be plenty of hay for home consumption.

Fall wheat, which also received a check, is rapidly recovering. Oats, with few exceptions, are extra good. Reports regarding fruit vary considerably, according to location. Strawberries are now on the market, and prospects for a good yield are fair. Plums, pears, cherries are almost a failure, except along the lake front. Peaches below the average, and in many sections poor. Raspberries, currants, etc., give good indications. A. E.

#### Winnipeg Horse Show.

The sixth annual horse show of the Winnipeg Horse-show Association was held last week, from the sixth to the eleventh. The affair was a success in the largest sense of the word. Winnipeg is rapidly becoming one of the classiest horse cities on the continent, and excellence in exhibits was not wanting to make the horse show one in every way worthy. Add to that the patronage of society and the support of the military, and a combination results that is the mainspring of success in horse shows the world over.

Heavy-drafters made an attractive exhibit, entries being from the dray companies, the railways and the abattoirs. The C. P. R. won first in the team class with a pair of iron-gray Percherons, Gordon, Ironsides & Fares, second, with a team of the same breed, and the C. N. R. third with a pair of heavy-set Clydesdales. "The Farmer's Advocate" championship cup for tandem outfits was won by Hugh Sutherland. A. M. Nanton's Beau Brummel, last year's winner, was again champion of the show.

#### George H. Greig Resigns.

George H. Greig, for the past four years Western Representative of the Livestock Branch, has resigned, resignation to go into effect July 1st. During the period Mr. Greig has been connected with the livestock industry as Western commissioner he has rendered yeoman service to the livestock men and livestock interests of the country. He will probably continue his interest in livestock, but for the present will devote himself to private business. His resignation will be regretted by a host of stockmen in the three Prairie Provinces.

Prof. Wm. Lockhead, of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., has gone on an extensive European tour of study and observation for the summer months. He will visit France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and the British Isles, and will return in about two and one-half months' time.

#### Centralized Co-operation in Buying Supplies and Selling Fruit.

The annual meeting of the Co-operative Fruit-growers of Ontario, held in Toronto on Tuesday, June 14th, was not so well attended as in 1909. A late season and consequent rush of work accounted for this difference, as was evidenced by the letters from those who could not attend.

The Supplies Committee reported that the Association had handled this year approximately \$4,000 worth of such goods as spray pumps, hose, copper sulphate, arsenate of lead, sulphur, lime, concentrated lime-sulphur, packages, fertilizers, etc. Eighteen of the local associations purchased more or less of these goods, and, considering that this was the first year that the Central had handled the supplies direct, those of the members present were very much pleased with the result. The associations were not only able to secure the goods at the lowest possible price, but in every case the materials were of the very best quality. A choice was always given in any of the materials where there were two or three kinds of practically the same quality, and the local association could choose between them if there was any difference in price. It was felt that, with all of the local associations in the Province purchasing their supplies through the Provincial Association, an enormous business could be worked up in this way. The managers present reported that the supply business proved to be one of the most attractive features to the members of their local associations. A vote of thanks was passed to the Committee having this matter in charge.

It is again decided to issue a pamphlet giving the names of the various co-operative shipping associations, with their secretaries or managers, and their probable output for the present year. Such a circular has been issued for the past three years, and has been widely distributed throughout the West, in Great Britain, and locally in Ontario. The pamphlet will be increased in size, so as to give additional information which would be of value to prospective buyers of fruit.

The meeting decided to seek incorporation under the Provincial laws for the carrying on of the general business with the local associations in all kinds of supplies, and also for the sale, if found necessary, of the fruit of those associations that desire to place this matter with the Provincial body. In many parts of the country there are fruit-growers who would willingly co-operate for the packing of their apples and other fruits if the selling end of the business was arranged for them. It was recognized that a start should be made along these lines, and a circular will be issued to the local associations asking how many there are who would place all or part of their fruit with the Central Association for sale, if an efficient manager can be engaged, and arrangements satisfactorily concluded for the financial end of the business to be left in the hands of the local secretary or manager.

In connection with the incorporation of the Co-operative Fruit-growers, it was decided to ask each local association to take five shares of \$10 each, ten per cent. of the amount to be paid down now, all local associations purchasing from \$100 to \$500 of supplies to be given a discount of two per cent. in payment for the same; from \$500 to \$1,000 and over, three per cent; all associations placing apples for sale with the Central organization to pay 10 cents per barrel up to 1,000 barrels, 9 cents from 1,000 to 2,000, eight cents from 2,000 to 5,000, and 7 cents from 5,000 to 10,000 or more. Prior to the securing of the charter and the issuing of the stock, the previous arrangement, whereby each association paid a yearly fee of \$5.00, will be continued. This, of course, entitled each association to the special rates on supplies and the weekly crop reports which are sent out from the Central office.

Mr. McNeill, the Chief of the Fruit Division, who was present during the meeting, spoke on the requirements that would be necessary where the Central Association sold for the locals. He stated that strict inspection would be made, and urged all of the associations to be very careful as to the quality. He stated, further, that the Co-operative Association should be specially careful of their pack, as they were counting on establishing a reputation for their fruit, which would sell the same for many years to come. Most of the associations had an exceptional opportunity to put out good fruit, as the packing was done by the one lot of men under the manager's supervision, and in many cases put through the one packing house.

Those of the officers present were very enthusiastic as to the future of the co-operative movement in Ontario, and the outlook for the present year seems specially favorable. Indications for a good crop of fruit seem to be general, and it was thought that if a high quality of fruit was packed, that there would be very little trouble in shipping all of it out at a fair price, not only to the growers, but also to the consumer.

P. W. HODGETTS, Secretary.

Toronto.

#### Increasing Meat Prices.

A London (Eng.) despatch to the Mail and Empire, under date of June 17th, states that the Englishwoman is complaining of the increasing prices of beef, mutton and pork, "beef being dearer now in London than it has been in thirty years."

"The dearthness is attributed to scant supplies from Canada and the United States, and there is a demand that British ports shall be opened to beef from the Argentine. The importation of Argentine cattle has been cut off since the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, several years ago. There can be no reduction of beef prices, dealers say, until Irish grass-fed cattle begin to arrive in the fall.

"The prices of beef in London now are high. The best cuts, including ribs and sirloin, have advanced about one cent a pound, to 22 and 23 cents. The best cuts of mutton are from 22 cents to 24 cents a pound.

"Beef is rising in price not only in free-trade England, but protectionist France. In Paris, the best ribs and sirloin have advanced about 5 cents a pound. Choice sirloin in the best quarters of Paris costs about 33 cents a pound, while good mutton is 23 cents. In Rome, too, the price of beef is going up. Meat is always dear in Rome, and the lower middle classes rarely can afford to eat it. The average price of the best beef in Rome now is about 40 cents, while veal costs about 48 cents. In Berlin, the best sirloin costs about 35 cents a pound. Pork everywhere, especially in England, has gone up in price, owing to the scant supply the world over."

#### The Olympia Horse Show.

The International Horse Show at Olympia came to an end June 16th. Complete reports regarding it have not reached us yet, but all indications point to a very largely-attended and very successful show. Undoubtedly, this is the show par excellence of the equine world. Nowhere else can be found an equal aggregate number of horses of the quality and beauty shown there. Monday, June 6th, the first day of the judging, was occupied with the novice harness ponies not over 14 hands, hacks over 15.1 hands, novice harness tandems exceeding 15 hands, novice single-harness class exceeding 15 and under 15.2 hands. English exhibitors carried off a greater part of the prizes. Tuesday, the harness classes were continued. One of the most interesting classes on this day was that under 15.1, for pairs, which had 12 entries. Last year, and again this year, Judge Moore, of New York, won first prize. With this prize goes the MacKay Challenge Gold Cup, which now becomes the property of Judge Moore. This admirable Hackney enthusiast was the most successful foreign competitor, winning a goodly number of prizes. An extended report of this show will appear later.

#### Regarding Terminal Elevators.

The Grain Exchange, at Winnipeg, having secured convictions of operators of elevators at the lake ports, and the imposition of fines amounting to \$5,500, desires further investigation. The companies concerned are the Consolidated Elevator Company (Ltd.), the Port Arthur Elevator Company (Ltd.), and the Empire Elevator Company (Ltd.). The operators apparently are guilty either of making untrue reports, or, as the evidence seems to indicate, of moving the lower grades of wheat up a grade, thus enriching the companies.

The Saskatchewan Grain-growers' Association, in conference, presented to the Elevator Commission a system of Government owned and operated elevators. The plan would have an elevator at every shipping point; the Government, as far as possible, buy existing elevators; the certificate of the elevator operator made negotiable; a sample market at Winnipeg, and Dominion or Provincial owned terminals at the ports. They further make plans for any possible deficit arising from their scheme.

Dr. A. G. Hopkins, B. Agr., D. V. M., formerly editor-in-chief of "The Farmer's Advocate," of Winnipeg, and latterly connected with the Health of Animals Branch at Regina, has resigned the latter position to undertake practical farming in the Fertile Valley district, a dozen miles or so south-west of Outlook, Saskatchewan. In live stock, he hopes to establish a herd of milking Shorthorns. A bull calf out of Illuminata 3rd, the great milker at Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, has been bought.

The wheat area in the three Western Provinces this season is given as 8,376,345 acres, an increase over last year of 17 per cent., or 1,222,595 acres. This, though not the largest percentage of increase, is the largest, absolutely, in the history of the prairie country. While cold, frosty weather followed an unusually favorable seeding, prospects once more look bright for a good yield.

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