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Manitoba Live Stock at the Pan-American.

Mr. E. B. Elderkin, Superintendent of Live Stock for the Canadian Government at the Pan-American, was in attendance at the Brandon and Winnipeg Fairs. The Dominion Government having offered to pay the transportation of exhibits to Buffalo, Mr. Elderkin was anxious that Manitoba breeders should have an opportunity to send down an exhibit. In Ontario, the local Government, acting in conjunction with the Breeders' Association, have undertaken the expense of collecting a representative live-stock exhibit. It is of course greatly in the interests of the breeders of Ontario individually to exhibit at the Pan-American, whereas the principal market of the Manitoba breeder being local and in the Territories, there is not the same inducement for them, as breeders, to exhibit. The Territorial Government is making a special exhibit of range steers and sheep, and this exhibit will be given added attractiveness by being accompanied by a detachment of mounted police, who will give daily entertainments, musical rides, etc. Such an exhibit should prove a good advertisement of the resources of the range country. Mr. Elderkin was very anxious to have Manitoba send down a first-class exhibit of cattle, and also of poultry. Hon. Thos. Greenway has made a large entry, and the herd under Manager Yule's generalship may be counted upon to do credit to the Prairie Province.

A Commission on Agricultural Education.

In accordance with the intimation made last session by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. R. P. Roblin, a commission has been appointed by the Provincial Government to report on the advisability of a provincial agricultural college. The following is a report of the committee of the executive council, which was approved on August 1st:

The honorable the president of the council submits to council a report setting forth:

Whereas the Province of Manitoba possesses a large area of arable land, an intelligent cultivation of which it is desirable to foster and encourage;

And whereas it has been urged upon the attention of the Government that great benefits would accrue to those at present engaged and hereafter to engage in agricultural pursuits by establishing and conducting within the Province a college or institution wherein scientific and practical knowledge, applicable to agriculture, would be afforded

And whereas the question of establishing and maintaining such an institution, together with its radiating benefits, is one involving and connected with the good government of the Province, and the conduct of part of the public business thereof, and it is desirable, prior to action being taken in the premises, that the fullest possible inquiry be made with regard thereto, as hereinafter provided.

On the recommendation of the honorable the Minister, the committee advise:

1.—That pursuant to provisions of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes of Manitoba, a commission be issued, addressed to the following named persons, that is to say: Reverend Principal Patrick, J. A. M. Aikins, K. C., the Hon. Thos. Greenway, Harvie C. Simpson, of Virden; George H. Halse, of Brandon; John S. Miller, of Manitou; and Harry Irwin, of Neepawa, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon:

(a) The wisdom and advisability of establishing and maintaining an agricultural college in the Province of Manitoba.

(b) The best method of conducting or operating such an institution.

(c) The probable cost thereof.

(d) Such matters or things connected with or growing out of the subject of inquiry as will afford to the said commissioners the fullest possible information and material to enable them to report fully and comprehensively upon all and singular the premises.

2.—That power and authority be conferred upon the said commissioners to summons before them any party or witnesses, and to require them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, and to produce such documents, and things as they may deem requisite for the full and complete inquiry and report upon the subject matter aforesaid.

3.—That the said commissioners shall at their first meeting appoint one of their number to be and to act as chairman of the commission during the sittings thereof.

4.—That the said commissioners report to the said Minister upon the subject of inquiry (transmitting at the same time all the evidence taken and information derived) with all reasonable and convenient dispatch.

5.—That the commissioners, subject to the approval of said Minister, be empowered to employ such clerical or other assistance as may be necessary.

6.—That the said commissioners for their services be each paid a sum equal to the amount respectively expended for travelling, living, and other incidental and necessary expenses.

Brandon in Line for an Agricultural College.

A meeting of the Brandon Farmers' Institute was recently held for the purpose of discussing the advisability of establishing a provincial agricultural college, and to consider the best location for such an institution. The principal speakers were Dr. McInnis, M. P. P., Prof. Wolverton, Mr. G. R. Caldwell, and Mr. Finlay, principal of the city schools. Each of the speakers strongly urged the need of higher education for the farmers' sons and daughters. Dr. McInnis thought that a building suitable to the requirements of the Province would cost about \$100,000, and that \$40,000 would be required for annual maintenance. The desirability of having such a college located at Brandon was strongly urged by the speakers, and before the meeting adjourned, the following resolution was passed: On motion of Alderman Caldwell, seconded by Prof. Wolverton,—That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is altogether desirable to establish an agricultural college in Manitoba, and that it should be located in the vicinity of the Experimental Farm at Brandon, that place offering the greatest advantage for that purpose; that a petition be prepared by the Farmers' Institute, and signed on its behalf by as many farmers as can be got, embodying the above resolution, and forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture of Manitoba and of the Dominion; that the Brandon Board of Trade and City Council be asked to co-operate with the Farmers' Institute.

Col. Dent's Tour Finished.

Col. Dent has finished his purchasing tour in the West. He secured, in all, about 650 horses, a fair number when it is considered that only horses broken to saddle would be taken. If the ranchmen would only take the trouble to break their horses properly, thousands more suitable for army purposes in South Africa could be procured. The prices paid have been satisfactory, considering the class of horses, which, as a matter of fact, are simply good cow ponies. The result of Colonel Dent's tour is bound to be most beneficial to the horse-breeding interests of the West, and will have the effect of convincing the ranchers that they must use a better class of stallions and exercise more care and skill in the raising and training of the colts, if ever they are to look for a permanent and remunerative market.

Mr. C. W. Peterson, Secretary of the Territorial Horse Breeders' Association, had all the arrangements for collecting the horses at Calgary and McLeod well in hand, and to his energies much of the success of the tour is due.

In Manitoba, there was no organized effort made to get horses together in time for the Colonel's inspection. There are hundreds of horses equally suitable to those of the West for army purposes that the farmers would be well rid of, but there was no opportunity given for disposing of them.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Farmers' Elevator Company.

A meeting was held in Winnipeg, on July 31, of delegates from fourteen Farmers' Elevators, when twenty-one representatives were present. It was decided to organize an association, and the following constitution was adopted and officers elected:

OFFICERS.

S. Umphrey, Miami, president.
Jas. Riddell, Rosebank, vice-president.
T. Kernighan, Carman, secretary-treasurer;
and Messrs. A. Morrison, Carman; J. Stewart, Holland; A. C. Chater, Roland; J. Friesen, Winkler, executive committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—This association shall be known as "The Manitoba and Northwest Farmers' Elevator Companies Association," and is organized for the purpose of handling the grain crop of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories in the best interests of the producer.

Article 2.—Any legally incorporated Farmers' Elevator Company in Manitoba or Northwest Territories may become a member of this association.

Article 3.—There shall be a board of directors, consisting of seven, who shall be shareholders in Farmers' Elevator Companies belonging to this association, and who shall be elected annually at a meeting of representatives from such Farmers' Elevator Companies. This board shall elect from among themselves a president, a vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.

Article 4.—The annual meeting of the association shall be held in the City of Winnipeg in July or August of each year, on such days as shall be fixed by the board of directors, at least two weeks' notice of which shall be given to all members, and shall be composed of two representatives from each Farmers' Elevator Company which is a member, in good standing, of this association.

Article 5.—(1) It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the association, and have general supervision of the association. (2) It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a correct record of all meetings of the association, collect all fees and dues, and to pay out all moneys, only by means of cheques signed by the president and countersigned by himself.

Article 6.—The annual membership fees shall be \$5, the first payment of which shall accompany application for membership, and shall be due thereafter on the fifteenth of July in each year.

Article 7.—If in the interests of the association it shall be found necessary to provide more funds than the annual dues amount to, it shall be in the power of the directors to make an assessment on all members of the association, such assessment to fall equally on each and every elevator.

Article 8.—No person shall be allowed to attend any meeting of this association unless the company which he represents is in good standing in the association.

Article 9.—That this constitution, or any clause thereof, may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

More and more experience teaches the Canadian farmer as the years go by that to depend upon the sale of grain as a source of revenue is to trust to a broken reed. Crops are too uncertain and prices too low to make it a safe dependence. The cow and the sow will, in the long run, be found much more reliable, and hay, oats, corn and roots to be fed to stock on the farm the most profitable crops to grow. Horses, sheep and poultry are also proving profitable to raise, and the farmers who are devoting their attention to dairying and hog-raising, or to some one or more classes of stock, are feeling that they are on the safest ground. There will certainly be a strong demand for some years for live stock in all lines, owing to the well-known shortage of the supply in sight, and as a logical consequence, prices will continue to be good.