

GOSSIP.

REGINA FAIR PROSPECTS.

The officials of the Regina Exhibition and the live stock men in Saskatchewan have displayed a deal of energy and enterprise in preparing for their fair to be held next week. A considerable number of improvements have been made on the grounds and in stabling accommodations in preparation for the increased entries of live stock.

Horses are always a strong attraction at Regina and this year the managers and directors have devoted their surplus time in securing a larger entry of cattle. Two large Manitoba Shorthorn herds are to be on exhibition, namely: J. G. Barron's and W. H. English's. These, together with the cattle from the province, will place Regina Exhibition in a position easily comparable with that of any provincial fair. There are \$15,000 in prizes, which should be worth going after, and only \$4,000 is to be hung up in race money. This indicates that Regina Exhibition is essentially an agricultural fair. The railroad companies are putting on a rate of a fair and a third from points in the province and a twenty minute train service from the city to the Exhibition Park.

The dates are July 30 to August 2, inclusive.

SHORTHORN SALE AUGUST 1ST.

Catalogs for the sale of Shorthorns at "Maple Grove," Rosser, Man., on August first are now ready. The draft of cattle listed are not by any means a cull lot. We saw cattle in the herd, that are to be put up for sale that would be a credit in any company as the illustrations in this and our last week's issue will indicate. Few herds of any breed of cattle have increased so rapidly as has Messrs. James' and that is the reason of the sale.

Their herd bull, Choice Goods, is a most excellent sire of growthy, mellow-handling stock, and the cows being large milkers bring their calves along to robust maturity. Choice Goods was bred by John Davidson, Ont., and is six years of age. His sire was the great Dryden-bred bull Sittyton Hero, sire of the Pan-American winner, Sittyton Hero 7th. Sittyton Hero's sire was the Earl of March by Barmpton Hero, he by Royal Barmpton, by which it is seen there is an accumulation of the most useful blood that the Shorthorn breed has known in Canada. Choice Goods has left his mark at Maple Grove. An easy feeder, a prolific sire, and a member of a herd that never fails to give a good account of itself. Choice Goods is young and active and appears to be good for another ten years.

The cows are a cosmopolitan lot. They or their dams have been acquired from several of the best herds in Canada and always were selected for their conformity to a type, the utility type as conceived by Mr. James. Some of these cows are now thin and look bony, as heavy milking cows will when in the full flush of milk, and mosquitoes and "bull dogs" pestering them, but they readily pick up when they are not in milk and this is what indicates the propensity to easy feeding in their offspring. Space forbids the enumeration of the individuals or even of the families represented, but any person interested in the sale may secure a catalog upon application to Walter James & Sons, Rosser, Man., mentioning this paper.

In the lot are twelve cows, thirteen heifers and fifteen bulls of various ages.

Every arrangement for the convenience of visitors has been made, including rates on the railways on the certificate plan, conveyances at the station and lunch at the farm. Parties coming by rail should secure standard certificates from their local agents. Remember the date, August 1st.

Viscount Turnour, the Earl of Winton's son, was being interviewed in New York about clothes. On this subject however, the young man refused to talk.

"You," he said, "are the sixth reporter to talk clothes to me to-day. I think you reporters are too persistent. You give me no rest. You remind me of a friend of mine at Oxford."

"My Oxford friend used to like to drink a mug of ale at the Mitre. He visited the Mitre a good deal and he was always very particular about having his own mug."

"At the Mitre one evening he said to the barmaid:

"A mug of bass, Nellie, and be careful to draw it in my own pewter. Make no mistake."

"No fear of making a mistake about your pewter, sir," the barmaid answered. "I can tell it with ease."

"How so?" my friend asked.

"By the handle," said the barmaid. "It's always warm."

In a bulletin issued at Ottawa, giving the results of an analysis of 49 samples of tomato catsup sold in Canada, 23 of the samples were found to be dyed so as to lend the preparation a darker color than it would otherwise have had. According to information obtained from the manufacturers the use of a dye is unnecessary when the catsup is made of fresh tomatoes. Some of the samples referred to are not only dyed but contain preservatives. In all the samples seven out of the 49 were pronounced unadulterated.

Judge (to lawyer)—Mr. Sharp, are you defending this prisoner?

Lawyer—I am, your Honor.

Judge—And how much is he charged with stealing?

Lawyer—Fifty dollars, your Honor.

Judge—Well, we'll let him go; he'll be punished enough anyhow.

Lawyer—What do you mean, your Honor?

Judge—Why, by the time you get that fifty, and then he works out the other hundred you'll charge him, he'll be sorry enough he ever was dishonest. —*Toledo Blade.*

"That gentleman you introduced to me a while ago has such cultivated manners."

"Oh, it is part of his business to have them. He is the president of an agricultural college." —*Baltimore American.*

The new owner of a Scotch shooting preserve had piloted a number of entirely harmless gunners about the ground.

"Look here, Mac," he said to the keeper as they came back. "These gentlemen 'ave to return to town end of the week. Would it do the birds any 'arm to drive the ground again day after to-morrow?"

"Mon," replied the Scot, "ye might drive it the morn's morn. Fleein' about canna hurt them." —*Youth's Companion.*

Overshrewd lawyers often furnish their adversaries with weapons.

"Did you see this tree that has been mentioned, by the roadside?" an advocate inquired.

"Yes, sir; I saw it very plainly."

"It was conspicuous, then?"

The witness seemed puzzled by the new word. He repeated his former assertion.

"What is the difference," sneered the lawyer, "between plain and conspicuous?"

But he was hoist with his own petard.

The witness innocently answered:

"I can see you plainly, sir, among the other lawyers, though you are not a bit conspicuous."

A traveller was startled by hearing on a lonely road one night this piteous appeal:

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