

## Assiniboia.

### Crops in Assiniboia.

"Having made particular enquiries in every settled part of the Territories," says the Regina *Leader*, "we are in a position to speak with some authority on the state of the crops. In Assiniboia it may be said the crops are generally good. In the Moose Jaw and Regina districts and from this point east as far as Moosomin, the gateway town of the Territories, as well as in Southern Assiniboia nearly all crops promises well. There are a few exceptions to this, where yields will be light, but the fault in most instances lies not so much with the elements as with the system which has been adopted in many cases of sowing grain on stubble ground without plowing. Except in the Yorkton and Saltcoats districts, where we are informed the crops are light owing to dry weather in the spring and since, there will be a good average yield, and some settlements which have been specially favored send reports indicating the promise of one of the best harvests they have harvested. In central and southern Alberta we are informed the grain has suffered from dry weather, but as the mainstay of these localities is cattle, whatever disappointment there is will not weigh heavily. In northern Alberta and Saskatchewan we are glad to hear that all crops are reported first-class and there will be a good yield. Here and there over the country some localities have suffered from hail, but it may be said with certainty that no general injury has been done in that respect. To sum up, while we cannot expect a phenomenal yield such as we had last year, in those cases where man has fulfilled his part of nature's contract Providence has been generous, and if the critical month of August be passed in safety the appears to be every promise that the farmers of the territories will have crops this year which, though they will not overtax the energies of man and beast like the crop of 1891 did, yet will probably in the long run pay both the agriculturalist and the country equally as well."

### Indian Head Agricultural Show.

The following description of the Indian Head Agricultural show was published in the *Qu'Appelle Progress* of August 11th:

"Thursday last was one of the most lively days in the annals of Indian Head, the bustle and stir being occasioned by the holding of the ninth annual exhibition of the Agricultural Society. In previous years the show was held in the fall, but this year it was decided to try the experiment of a summer fair. The horses, cattle, sheep and pigs were exhibited on the outskirts of the town, while the town hall was utilized for grain, vegetables, ladies' work, etc. The weather was beautifully fine for the occasion, and everything passed off without a hitch. The judges who decided the merits of the exhibits came from Grenfell and were as follows: Horses—Mr. Peterson; cattle—Mr. McDonald; grain and produce—Mr. Malkin; butter and vegetables—Mr. Coy; ladies' work

—Mrs. Coy. Owing possibly to the change in the time of holding the exhibition, some of the classes were not so well represented as could have been wished, whilst others were exceptionally good. There was a fine show of horses in the various sections, and particularly in the heavy draught and general purpose sections, in both of which there was keen competition. Perhaps the most imposing spectacle was when the teams were brought into the ring to be judged, there being some fine animals both in the heavy draught and general purpose sections, and a decision as to the best was only arrived at after most careful consideration. There were many aspirants for the prize offered for the best single horse in harness, and some smart drivers were on parade. Cattle, sheep and pigs, though not large in point of numbers, represented some first class stock, and taken altogether this part of the exhibition was most creditable. On entering the Town Hall, the eye of the visitor was at once attracted by the exhibit from the Experimental Farm. This was an exceedingly good and tastefully arranged collection of grains, vegetables, fruit, &c, which added much to the appearance of the hall. The prizes offered for competition amongst the Indians brought out a display which was a surprise to many, the collections of grains, grasses, vegetables, &c, making a most commendable show. The samples of bread, butter and manufactured articles were illustrations of the progress that civilization is making amongst the Indians. Mr. Grant, Indian Agent, is to be congratulated on the results of his efforts to let the public know something of what is being done on the reserves. The arrangements were well carried out, and credit is due to the officers who had the management for the measure of success that attended the exhibition. To conclude the day's entertainment there was horse racing by the Indians on the race course and afterwards a pow-wow.

### The Northwest Assembly.

The second session of the second Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories was opened at Regina on Tuesday, August 2nd, by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Royal. The following was the speech from the throne:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I have deemed it advisable to call you together at the earliest possible moment in the new financial year for the purpose of enabling you to make provision for carrying on the public service and especially such public works as may be undertaken before the season closes.

The great influx of immigration into the Territories renders it imperative that our roads be kept in a state of good repair and bridges built wherever necessary.

The important question also of opening up those great arteries of travel called colonization roads, is worthy of your serious consideration and is a matter that has been repeatedly and prominently brought to my notice, when visiting, in the discharge of my duties, the various districts of the Territories.

I am happy to know that the liquor license ordinance, which you adopted last session, has upon the whole given general satisfaction and that any apprehensions as to the evil effects likely to arise from the change in the law have

not been realized. I have no doubt that, after some months' experience of the working of the ordinance, amendments may now suggest themselves for your consideration, which would tend to make its provisions more effective and complete.

Your co-operation will be solicited by the agricultural and other societies in the collection of exhibits for the World's Columbian exposition to be held in Chicago in 1893. In the selection of such products as timber, cereals, minerals, grasses, fruits and vegetables you will have ample opportunity of displaying the physical character and natural resources of the Territories. I have every reason to believe that the arrangements which will be made in this respect will ensure for our country the attraction and admiration of the visitors.

I am glad to be in a position to state that the dairy industry is making rapid strides amongst our population. Several creameries and cheese factories have been established since the last session of the assembly, and I understand a profitable market has been found to reward the enterprise of the promoters. There is an unlimited demand, with remunerative prices, always existing for butter and cheese of the first quality, and consequently no effort should be spared to establish the reputation of the dairy product of the Territories. Provided no inferior article is allowed to find its way into the market, the farmer may rest assured that the demand for his butter and cheese will not be less than that for his wheat and cattle.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It will be my duty to communicate to you, at the earliest possible moment, any order of His Excellency the Governor-General in council relating to such portions of any moneys appropriated for the Territories by the parliament of Canada last session as the lieutenant-governor is authorized to expend by and with the advice of the Legislative Assembly or of any committee thereof.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I now leave you to the discharge of your legislative duties, and I feel confident that in considering the various measures which will be brought before you, your action will be guided by prudence, wisdom and equity.

After the speech had been read and other formalities gone through the House was adjourned until 10.30 Wednesday morning.

### Notes.

Mr. Whitton has returned to Medicine Hat from Montreal, whither he had been with two carloads of fat cattle which he was shipping to Glasgow. The cattle were purchased chiefly from the Medicine Hat Ranch company.

The Dairymen's association of the Territories has recently been organized and a meeting for the election of officers and other business will be held in the town hall, Regina, on Thursday, the 18th, at 10 a.m. The opening address will be given by Lieutenant-Governor Royal. Addresses will be given by the following gentlemen at the same place: At the opening meeting, 10 a.m.—Angus McKay, of the experimental farm—"The Breeding and Feeding of Dairy Stock." At 2 p.m.—R. Cornett, assistant dairy commissioner—"The Care of Milk and Butter Making." At 8 p.m.—Senator Perley—"How I Make Dairying Pay." Arrangements are being made with the C.P.R. for reduced fares, and an application has been made to the Legislative Assembly for a grant towards the travelling expenses of farmers attending from distant points east and west of Regina.