

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SUMMER FAIR

THE fourth annual summer fair held by the Portage Industrial Exhibition Association last week was in many respects some what superior to those previously held. The live stock show was the strongest feature of the fair, for the exhibit was strong in the various classes. The attendance was large, the management putting forth special effort for the entertainment of the visitors. The Indian parade was a special drawing card, great numbers of the dusky clan being in attendance. To them the midway proved an attraction, for the loud bray of the howlers and the glitter of the huge signs appealed to their fancy and demanded their coin. Perhaps these midway attractions were secured primarily for the entertainment of these dusksies. It seems hard to suppose that they could possibly think of those dens as anything but an annoyance to the intelligent visitor.

However, there was much else to entertain the visitor, fun for all; thus it is only right that A. W. Humber, the manager and secretary, and also his worthy supporters, should be highly commended for the success of this year's exhibition. The agricultural products were not very elaborate in their display, although some fine samples of grain were on exhibition. The prize-winning samples were particularly good. Wheat, oats and barley were bright and free from weed seeds. T. Grogan, of Lavenham, who was the successful winner in all three grain classes, had a most creditable display. The grain winners were:

Wheat—1, W. T. Grogan; 2, M. T. Bidsbury; 3, J. Bradley.
Oats—1, W. T. Grogan; 2, D. Little.
Barley—1, W. T. Grogan; 2, G. McVicar; 3, D. Little.
Flax—1, A. McKay; 2, L. Bradley.
Timothy—1, A. McKay.

LIVESTOCK.

As stated previously there was a strong entry in the various classes of livestock; especially was there a good exhibit of heavy draft horses. The classes first shown was the tandem special four-horse team, suitable for farm or agricultural purposes. Jas. Jickling, of Carman, owned the winners, while Robt. Brown, of Portage la Prairie, came second. Jickling again won first for heavy draft team, with R. Brown second. Agricultural team—1, J. Jickling; 2, F. Bryden, of Portage; 3, J. McCartney, Longburn. General purpose team—1, J. Brown, Portage; 2, J. Jickling.

Undoubtedly the Clydesdale had the best of it in the horse classes. The brood mare entry was especially worthy of note. Polar Star, owned by Colquhoun & Beattie, of Brandon, topped the list in the aged stallion class. This horse has much weight, the right sort for this Western country. Burden Boy, shown by Wm. Brown, of Portage, was second, while King's Crest, owned by the Portage syndicate, followed third. I. Usher, of Carman, had the fourth entry.

In the two-year-old class, Carruth & Brown, of Portage, had the winner in Colonel, a promising colt. Royal Shapley, owned by R. Brown, was second, while Forester, shown by Wm. Moffat, of Rosendale, stood third.

Stallion one year old was won by Shapley's Heir, owned by J. McCartney; Trump, owned by J. Jickling, was second and McBryant Prince, owned by F. Brydon, third.

Champion stallion—first, Royal Shapley; second, Shapley's Heir.

Five entries faced the judge in the Clydesdale aged mare class. Carruth & Brown had the first and third winnings, in Bonny Jean and Belle Rose. J. B. Jickling, of Carman, owned the second animal, Rose O'Brien. Sapphire, a black mare, winner in the two-year-old class, was owned by J. McCartney. Lady Primrose, owned by Carruth & Brown, was second, while J. Jardine, of Rosendale, had the third animal in Lady Delmar.

Filly, one-year-old, was won by Jardine, while J. McCowan had the second animal.

In the brood mare class there were eleven entries. D. Little, of Portage, had the winner in Seascale Flower, a large imported mare. J. Jickling was second with Red Clover, and R. Brown was third with Lady Pandora. For foals Carruth & Brown had first and third; T. Wishart, second.

Champion mare—Sapphire, owned by J. McCartney Mare and two progeny—Carruth & Brown.

Three females—First, Carruth & Brown; second, J. Jardine.

Saunders' special prize for best mare three years and under, bred in Canada, went to Carruth & Brown, with Bonny Jean.

The special for the best heavy draft stallion was won by Colquhoun & Beattie, with the champion Clydesdale Polar Star.

There were but two entries in the Shire classes. The Burnside Syndicate had the stallion, Pedro, while D. Smith, of Gladstone, had a grey Shire mare.

Percherons had somewhat a stronger showing. Colquhoun & Beattie were the only exhibitors. Blondin won in the aged stallion class, while Gayton, a black lad, stood second. Blondin was given the championship prize.

There was a rather fair showing of light horses and ponies. The Hackney entry was not, however, large.

L. J. Scofield, of Portage, G. F. Bray and J. Wishart were exhibitors of Jacks and mules.

Jas. Burnett, of Napinka, judged the heavy horses. W. T. Elder, of Brandon, made the awards in the light horse classes.

CATTLE CLASSES.

The Portage exhibition had a strong entry in the various cattle classes. T. E. Wallace, of Portage la Prairie, and R. W. Caswell, of Saskatoon, were the main two exhibitors in Shorthorns.

King's Missie, owned by Wallace, was the only entry for aged bulls. Judge Stamford, owned by Caswell, stood alone in the two-year-old class. In the bull class, one-year-old, Caswell came first with Golden Crown, while R. L. Lang, of Oak Lake, stood second. The champion bull prize went to King's Missie.

The cow class, three years and over, brought out some good entries. Caswell's roan stood first. Wallace was second and Caswell third. In the heifer classes Caswell won all the prizes, the champion female being his roan two-year-old, Village Vanity.

Caswell won first and third for best herd, while Wallace had second. Wallace won first for bull and two of his get, on King's Missie.

William Shields, of Brandon, and W. H. Gray, of Austin, were the exhibitors of Herefords. Happy Christmas, the veteran winner, is out again this year in splendid form. Mr. Shields secured the most of the important prizes and all the championship ribbons.

J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, was out with his noted Polled Angus herd. He had no opposition.

Jas. Bray, of Portage la Prairie, showed a string of Galloways that captured all the prizes.

W. J. McComb, of Beresford, alone exhibited Red Polls.

The Jerseys were the only representatives of the dairy breeds. J. Harper, of Kingsley, Saskatchewan, and D. Smith, of Gladstone, were the two large exhibitors. F. Orchard, of Gravesville, exhibited three head. Mr. Harper exhibited a fine string, among them being some noted animals. He captured the most important prizes, winning all the firsts but one, for yearling heifer. He won the herd prize and the championship ribbons. Jas. Yule, of Selkirk, made the awards in the beef breeds, and Jas. Bray, of Portage, judged the dairy cattle.

SHEEP AND SWINE.

A. J. MacKay, of Macdonald, and T. A. Cox, of Brantford, Ontario, were two of the largest sheep exhibitors. In the Leicester classes the honors were somewhat divided between those two breeders. Mr. MacKay winning the championship prizes. In the Shropshire classes T. A. Cox and F. T. Skinner fought for honors. Skinner had the champion ram, while Cox had the champion ewe and the first on the pen entry.

In the Oxford Downs J. Bray, of Portage, had a full exhibit.

When the Cotswolds were shown Cox had the strong entry, having opposition only in the ewe lamb classes. In these classes F. Orchard, of Graysville, secured some second prizes. Mr. Cox was the only exhibitor of Southdowns.

In the fat sheep classes the prizes were awarded as follows:

Ewe, a wether shearling—first and third, A. MacKay; second, Cox.

Wether lamb—first, Cox; second, MacKay; third, J. Bray.

Pen three shearlings—MacKay, first on a pen of Leicesters; Cox, second on Southdowns, while T. Skinner was third with Shropshires.

Pen three lambs—Cox, first; second and third, Bray. Jas. Bray exhibited some 15 Angora and Cashmere goats.

The Berkshires and the Yorkshires had the strongest entries in the swine classes. T. A. Cox was the

largest winner of Berkshires, he winning six firsts and four seconds. R. L. Lang, of Oak Lake, was a strong competitor, he having the first prize boar and also the winning breeding sow. F. T. Skinner, of Indian Head; F. W. Brown, of Portage, and S. Fraser, of Portage, were other exhibitors.

In the improved Yorkshire classes J. J. Stewart, of Gladstone, and F. T. Skinner, of Indian Head, had the entries. Mr. Stewart won the bulk of the winning tickets.

The poultry exhibit was large, the best yet seen at the Portage exhibition. Over 1,000 birds were exhibited.

Events of the Week

St. Andrew's locks on the Red River, north of Winnipeg, were formally opened last week by the Minister of Public Works and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The woman's suffrage bill passed the British House of Commons last week. It is not expected that anything will result from the measure immediately.

Copious rain fell in Ontario on July 12, breaking the drought and intense heat that has prevailed in that province for some weeks. Moisture in some sections is still badly needed.

Some Doukhobors at Verigin, Sask., are reported to have started on one of their regular rampages, the affair opening as usual by clothes being discarded and burnt and the Doukhobors starting on the trek.

The trial of the alleged "beef trust" opened in Chicago, July 14. Judge Landis, famous for the twenty-nine million dollar fine imposed against the Standard Oil Company, is in charge. Sensational developments are expected.

Campbelltown, N. B., was almost completely wiped out by fire on July 11. Four or five thousand people are homeless, and upwards of two million dollars worth of property destroyed. Only seven houses were standing when the fire finally burnt out. A number are reported dead.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Winnipeg July 12, on an extended tour of the West. He is accompanied by Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, and several eastern members of the House of Commons. The party will go through to the coast, stopping at points en route, and will spend two months in Western Canada.

The annual meeting of the Grain Growers' Grain Company was held at Winnipeg last week. The financial statement showed that the year's transactions had been satisfactory, and that a large balance remained to be divided among the several thousand farmer shareholders in the West.

France last week changed her time to standard. The French, ever since Greenwich time has been standard for the world, has maintained a system that made solar time at Paris standard. The change is due to improved relations between England and France, and the desire to facilitate commercial intercourse.

One of the largest attempts made in recent years to influence the price of stocks was sprung last week in New York, when a report, apparently authentic, was published broadcast in America that the German government would refuse longer to recognize the rights claimed by the United States under the so-called Munroe Doctrine, which report, had it been genuine would have been tantamount to a declaration of war by the Germans. The attempt was frustrated before anything serious resulted.



ENGINES UNDERGOING THE BRAKE TEST AT WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL LAST WEEK