

WITH THE FARMERS

IMPROVEMENT OF FAIRS.

The fair and institutes branch of the Department of Agriculture is giving close attention to the improvement of provincial and local fairs. At the convention of Agricultural Societies of the province held in Calgary last April suggestions for making the fairs more practical and beneficial were carefully discussed and recommendations were forwarded by the secretary of each society to the fair boards to be applied by them as far as practicable. The result of this has been that the fairs already held in the province have shown a great improvement over previous years.

Young People Make the Fair. Of these recommendations one of the most important is the necessity of having the hearty co-operation of the young people of the community. Several methods have been adopted at the respective fairs and the result has been very gratifying. Judging competitions have this year been held at Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer and Innisfail and the interest taken in them was such as to warrant the association making a great effort in this direction next year. Contests calculated to develop accuracy, speed and general skill in driving have been greatly appreciated by the boys and girls. The idea has become so popular that it was very successfully introduced at the Clover Bar picnic last week. The idea of having a driving competition is also being introduced. Wagons are loaded and chained and the prize goes to the team and young driver making the fastest time. Another feature that attracted great interest at the Red Deer fair was an exhibition of drawing and nature work representing what is being done in the public schools of the district. Inspector Boree of Red Deer has the credit for introducing this feature.

Good Farm Competition. A criticism, which has often been offered on farms in the west is that too little attention is given to the method of laying out farm buildings and the general neatness of the farm. The good farm competition has been introduced to foster an improvement in this direction. It is quite significant that the five farms entered in the competition at Red Deer had been greatly improved during the past few weeks in anticipation of the contest. The system of awarding points was so arranged that the financial standing of the owner of the farm would give him no advantage. The following is the method which was adopted in scoring.

Points.
Approach from road to building . . . 2
State of repair of farm buildings and fences (quality not considered) . . . 5
Internal arrangement of buildings suitable for the purpose intended . . . 4
General order and cleanliness of the farm . . . 3
Effort to produce a better looking farm . . . 5
Facilities for watering stock . . . 5
Condition of all stock . . . 15
Variety and quality of crops . . . 15
Cultivation of land . . . 15
Freedom of farm from noxious weeds . . . 10

Total points . . . 100
The result of the contest at Red Deer is as follows: 1st, Henry Jamieson; 2nd, C. J. Sharran; 3rd, Arthur R. A. Thibault and J. H. Wipworth tied for fourth place.

The judges were Geo. Hutton, Sr., of Lacombe and C. M. Macdonald of Ottawa.

Ploughing Matches. The time is thought to be ripe for the introduction of ploughing matches at country fairs and agricultural societies are asked to foster the idea as far as possible. This feature affords great amusement for the young people and the educational advantages need not be accentuated here.

Field crops competitions are also time-fairly and may well be introduced at fairs in conjunction with the work at present being carried on by the seed banks of the Dominion department of agriculture.

The Prize Lists. The prize lists have accumulated to the changes which have long been thought desirable. A marked improvement in the prize lists has been made at the fair this year. One new feature is that in cases where there is only one exhibitor 25 per cent of the prize money is withheld. Formerly contest exhibitors filled several classes and aside from the educational opportunity afforded no advantages resulted from the competition. Another improvement is that instead of specifying what horses in certain classes should weigh, in order to list them directly the official judge classifies the horses in case of doubt on the part of the exhibitor. Provision is also made in the prize list for farm chunks which are plain useful horses found on every farm but not high class enough to compete in the agricultural class.

WHOLESALE FRUIT PRICES. Lemons are much in demand during the hot weather and are now worth \$6.75 per case. Strawberries are off the market and B. C. raspberries are coming in to take their place. The quality as yet is said to be poor. Oranges must with a steady demand on the market at \$6.75 per case. Strawberries are off the market and prices \$1.75 to \$2 per box and pears \$3.75.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, July 24.—The cattle trade closed steady at advances of 10 to 30 cents per cwt. for the week. Live steers were weak, being 25 to 75 cents lower. Lambs have suffered most. Nearly all the cattle here to day consisted of common and medium steers, which were not in favor and hence there was no improvement in the market. Buyers had no urgent orders to fill, though they said they were willing and ready to buy some good steers.

GREAT CROP OF ALFALFA.

Thomas Wolford, of Carleton, one of the lecturers on the government seed train, who gave special attention to grasses and clovers, has demonstrated on his farm at Carleton Place the methods which he has advanced regarding alfalfa are highly practicable. He has raised alfalfa on a 10-acre and a half tons of alfalfa to the acre. The crop was raised without irrigation and is a glowing example of what

may be done all over the province if proper methods of cultivation are practiced. Mr. Wolford has already some 10 acres in alfalfa and hopes in a short time to have 100 acres. He is a thorough believer in the preparation of the seed bed for all grasses and clovers, so that the ground may be firmly packed and free from weeds. Mr. Wolford sows without a nurse crop in the spring, after all danger from frost is over and uses about 2 1/2 lbs. of seed to the acre. Inoculation of the soil, in his opinion, is absolutely necessary to the growing of alfalfa. On his farm Mr. Wolford has from 600 to 700 acres of alfalfa ready wheat, which, if successfully harvested, will yield fifty to sixty bushels per acre.

THURSDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, July 23.—There was a generally stronger tone to the wheat market, owing to the increasing export demand and the damage reports from the western States, which are increasing daily. The advance was not only on nearby options but on futures as well. The advance, though not large, was persistent for the time being. A slight uptick in the futures towards the close of the market. New York reported 52 loads worked for export. Winnipeg market was moderately active with a small export demand and closed 1/2 to 3/4 higher. The weather throughout the day was clear, with a slight falling light winds and heavy dew at night.

Winnipeg cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 1.06 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 1.04 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 1.02 1/2; No. 4, 1.00 1/2; No. 5, 87 1/2; No. 6, 75 1/2; No. 1 feed, No. 2 feed, 58; Oats—No. 2 white, 43 1/2; No. 3 white, 41 1/2; rejected, 40 1/2; Barley—No. 3, 47 1/2; No. 4, 45 1/2; feed, 40 1/2.

American options: Chicago—July 30, 90 1/2; September 90 1/2; December 91 1/2; Minneapolis—July 30, 91 1/2; September 91 1/2; December 92 1/2.

FARM NOTES.

Haying is in full swing in the Edmonton district, and the sound of the mower is heard from early morning till late at night. The timothy yield this season on many farms will be well on to two tons to the acre.

C. A. Harrison, of Edmonton, shipped four tons of creamery butter to Montreal this week, for which he received 20 cents per pound.

A novel method of harvesting hay has been tried with success by a farmer. His field of timothy stood so high that he cut it with the binder, and put it into shocks like wheat.

Providing that it is sufficiently dry, it will simplify hay harvesting.

The weeds in the country district are becoming a serious pest. The weed inspectors are on their rounds, however, and will see that the noxious weeds are eradicated. The inspectors are also checking the heavy use of insecticides on all farmers in the matter of weed extermination.

Old settlers say they never saw the wheat fields looking better than they are at this season of the year. The heads are filling out abundantly and will soon be ready for the harvest.

Farm labor is in a serious straits this year, so there will be nothing to delay the farmer in gathering in the grain.

FRIDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, July 24.—All cables were higher. Small world shipments were predicted for Monday. The Modern Miller was on with a sufficient report, and all the markets opened higher and opened strong, with a few exceptions. Winnipeg exporters reported less enquiries for new wheat, probably due to higher prices. Winnipeg dealers are not so active.

Chicago, September, while Minneapolis September is 5 1/2 higher.

West for the past twenty-four hours has been clear and hot with light winds and occasional traces of rain.

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CALGARY MARKETS.

Grain (Street). Wheat, feed No. 1 . . . 80c
Oats, No. 2 . . . 65c
Barley, feed . . . 50c
Flax . . . \$1.10

Grain (Elevator prices).

Wheat. No. 1 red . . . 80c
No. 2 red . . . 75c
No. 1 white . . . 85c
No. 2 white . . . 80c
No. 1 feed . . . 55c
No. 2 feed . . . 50c

Spring Wheat. No. 1 . . . 75c
No. 2 . . . 70c
No. 3 . . . 65c
No. 4 . . . 60c
No. 5 . . . 55c
No. 6 . . . 50c
No. 7 . . . 45c
No. 8 . . . 40c

Other Grains. No. 1 . . . 75c
No. 2 . . . 70c
No. 3 . . . 65c
No. 4 . . . 60c
No. 5 . . . 55c
No. 6 . . . 50c
No. 7 . . . 45c
No. 8 . . . 40c

EDMONTON MARKETS.

(Elevator Prices).

Wheat. No. 1 northern . . . 85c
No. 2 northern . . . 80c
No. 3 northern . . . 75c

Barley. No. 1 . . . 55c
No. 2 . . . 50c
No. 3 . . . 45c

Flax. No. 1 . . . \$1.10
No. 2 . . . \$1.05
No. 3 . . . \$1.00

Hay (baled in lots). No. 1 . . . \$5.00
No. 2 . . . \$4.50
No. 3 . . . \$4.00

Timothy . . . \$12 to \$15
Green feed . . . \$12 to \$15

ROOSEVELT PLEADS FOR EFFICIENT NAVY.

President Confers With Naval Officers. Outlines What the United States Must Do to Keep Navy Up to Standard.

Newport, July 23.—Pleading for popular support for a "first class fighting navy," a navy capable of seeking out the enemy and "hammering him into the quays," President Roosevelt was the central figure here today in the most notable conference of American naval officers ever called together to consult and discuss in a broad general way the future of the United States navy.

The president spoke publicly for more than half an hour, and then the conference went into legislative session for one hour. During this session the president took a leading part in the discussion of the navy. He expressed upon the officers, however, that he was given to them to keep the navy abreast of the times, and to make it as strong as the navy of the future, which he believes to be the guarantee against the possibility of war. He characterized the navy as the cheapest of insurance policy that a nation could secure.

"There are only a few things that I desire to say today to the conference, and what I have to say really is said less to the officers present than to the great bulk of my fellow countrymen who are not here," he said.

"I can speak to my fellow countrymen who are deeply interested in the American navy, but I can speak to the kind of navy we should have, and as to what the navy can and ought to do."

"For instance, there are always certain members of well meaning amiable individuals, coupled with others not so well meaning, who advocate merely a coast defense navy. Such advocacy illustrates a habit of mind which is a hindrance to the progress of the navy to do something and not to do it."

"To hit is the thing. No good navy can be built except by hitting. I believe that the nation should scrupulously refrain from warring or insulting another nation, but that it should put up with a good deal in the way of misjudgment on the part of others before going to war."

"The nation should not go to war with such will only by excusing the nation until that opponent quite fighting."

"For the protection of our coast we need fortifications, not merely to protect our ports, but to protect our commerce. The navy can do this, but it must be able to do it."

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MARVELLOUS ORGANIZATION.

U. S. Independence Party Has Worked up Wonderful Organization.

Chicago, July 24.—With the arrival of the vanguard of many state delegations to the Independence convention, speculation over the selection of a permanent chairman took immediate precedence over the presidential booms. John Temple Graves, who arrived during the day from New York, received several visits from delegates who offered him the backing of their states for the permanent chairman of the convention.

Howard, of Alabama, rose at noon in putting him in the race, assuring him he could have the support of the south and that his taking charge of the convention would not prevent him from being placed in nomination for the presidency. The third candidate, Chas. S. F. Neal, of Indiana, will have the backing of a delegation that promises to rival those of New York and Massachusetts in numbers. The marvel of old party political leaders now in Chicago is the wonderful organization which the Independence party has worked out over the country since its inception. Those who are for a five months complete party organization, embracing every state and territory, and which could be worked up in a day of trouble, think that all this has been accomplished will be demonstrated to the world next Monday.

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