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Gloomy Reports from Western States  
Corn Fields.

What with drought and hot winds, followed in some sections by widespread and destructive forest fires, the outlook for the Western States corn crop is gloomy indeed at this writing. At the great market centres orders to buy corn have been coming in very freely. Wheat has gone so low that it is being used for feeding purposes; but it can never take the place of corn in the great hog and cattle feeding districts. A short corn crop means a short hog crop, and that means higher prices for provisions. Many dealers look for a sympathetic rise all along the line, though recently wheat touched the lowest point ever known on the Chicago market.

The English Jersey Cattle Societies' butter tests are interesting, in so far that they show the progress going on with this breed. Prior to 1880, none of the competing cows gave 2 lbs. of butter in one day. In 1893, 17 cows gave 2 lbs. in a day.

## From Ontario to Manitoba.

At 4.15 a. m., July 14th, we boarded the C. P. R. train, en route for Toronto; at 8.15 a. m. we reached the latter city, and a few minutes later were on our way to Owen Sound, where we arrived at 1 p. m., and found the splendidly-equipped C. P. R. vessel awaiting the arrival of the train. Before 2 p. m. we were all on board, and the vessel was fairly under way. The scenery, as we pass through the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, is romantic and beautiful. At 8 a. m., Sunday, the 15th, we arrive at the "Soo," and almost immediately pass through the locks. Here the scenery fairly passes description. On the one side it is wild and picturesque in the extreme; on the other side is the peaceful town, its inhabitants, with few exceptions, dressed in Sunday attire. Many vessels are in sight,—some passenger, more freighters; some loaded with lumber, others with ore; still others, with grain from Manitoba's overflowing warehouses. The trip across the noble Lake Superior, from the "Soo" to Fort William, was a most enjoyable event. The waters of this mighty lake were peaceful. The scenery, as we left the "Soo," continued imposing. Soon we lose all sight of land, except now and then a glimpse of some distant island. At 6 a. m., Monday morning, we arrived at Fort William—all too soon to please the passengers. Each looked back with pleasure to their trip across the great lake. The air was invigorating; the conduct of the elements all that could be desired. To these conditions were added the comforts of a splendidly-equipped boat,—the Alberta, one of the steel-clad fleet, owned by the C. P. R., which ply between Owen Sound and Fort William. The equipments of these vessels are luxurious; the tables are supplied in a way that equals, if not surpasses, any hotel in Ontario. The attendants, from the captain to the humblest hand, are courteous and attentive in every detail. Too much praise cannot be given the captain, the purser, the steward and stewardess, for their kind thoughtfulness to the passengers, one and all. No reasonable wish remained ungratified. No room was left for even a thought of complaint. Loud were the expressions of praise on all sides. Arriving, at we did at Owen Sound, after the usual dinner time, we expected to buy our dinners before we went on board, but we were met at the train and courteously informed that dinner was waiting on the boat. Such a sumptuous dinner, and such waiters, are seldom found. As we arrived at Fort William so early in the morning, we naturally supposed, since we had been treated so graciously and liberally at the starting point, we would be expected to shift for ourselves at the terminal, especially as several fine hotels are very near the landing; but no, Captain McAllister was not done with us yet. At an early hour we sat down to a capital breakfast, and were told, as the train did not leave for Winnipeg until 1 p. m., that we could stop on board as long as we pleased. Many of us reluctantly left the boat and her jolly captain at about 11 o'clock, and enjoyed our dinner at the C. P. R. Hotel, situated near the station. At 1 p. m. we boarded the train for Winnipeg, where we arrived at 8 a. m., Tuesday.

The City of Winnipeg is growing substantially; the population is now about 36,000. The public buildings are very fine; better than in any Eastern city of similar size. Many fine residences have been erected within the past two years. The city presents the appearance of thrift and comfort.

F. W. H.

## Summer and Fall Fairs of 1894.

Meadow Lea, Oct. 2.  
Pilot Mound, Man., Oct. 2 and 3.  
Springfield, Man., Oct. 3 and 4.  
Souris, Man., Oct. 3 and 4.  
Killarney, Oct. 4 and 5.  
Gartmore, Man., Oct. 3.  
Manitou, Man., Oct. 4 and 5.  
Minnedosa, Man., Oct. 5.  
Virdeu, Oct. 5 and 6.  
Baldur, Oct. 5 and 6.  
Wapella, Oct. 9.  
Neepawa, Oct. 9 and 10.  
Regina, Oct. 9 and 10.  
Russell, Oct. 10.  
Oak Lake, Oct. 11 and 12.  
Austin, Man., Oct. 3.  
Red Deer, Alba., Oct. 11.  
Belmont, Oct. 1 and 2.  
Saskatoon, Oct. 3 and 4.  
Melita, Oct. 3 and 4.  
Deloraine, Oct. 2 and 3.  
Clearwater, Oct. 11 and 12.  
Broadview, Sept. 27.  
Shoal Lake, Oct. 3.  
Wolseley, Oct. 4.  
Secretaries are requested to send in dates of fairs to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

A Scottish farmer complains that foreigners receive advantages in handling meat which home butchers are denied. It appears that the Glasgow Harbor Trustees have provided a chilling apparatus for dressed meat. Knowing that, several of the butchers handling home meat sent it down to have it chilled, being of course willing to pay the ordinary charges for the use of the apparatus; but they were very much astonished to find themselves shut out from participating in these benefits, because the apparatus is only for the use of those who purchase and kill American meat in the lairages provided.

## Brandon Farmers' Institute.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

This meeting was held on Saturday, June 16th, S. C. Doran in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Nicol spoke on behalf of the Market Committee, stating that so far the market had been fairly successful, though the city people had not turned out in its support as well as the farmers. He thought that the prospects of making it a success were good.

Mr. Bedford said he was pleased to see the part the local press had taken in the matter, and proposed a vote of thanks to them, which was carried.

Mr. Middleton spoke of the need of copper currency, and said the farmer was a great loser for want of it, in buying small articles, while, as he sold most of his produce in large quantities, he did not benefit by the want of it as retailers did, and he moved a resolution: "That, in the opinion of this Institute, copper coin should be brought into common use in this Province." Carried.

The secretary read the annual report, which was adopted.

The auditors' report showed a balance in hand of \$51.65.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected: S. A. Bedford, Hon. President; Fred. Smith, President; J. A. McKellar, Vice-President; R. E. A. Leech, Sec.-Treas.; T. O. Lambert, R. Smith, H. Nicol, W. Middleton, W. Anderson, S. C. Doran, Directors; T. M. Percival and R. W. Earle, Auditors. H. Nicol and W. Postlethwaite, delegates to the Central Institute.

## SOURIS.

The annual meeting of the South Brandon Farmers' Institute was held on June 16th. The attendance was somewhat small, but the business of electing officers was proceeded with in the usual way, and the following were elected: Wm. Sharman, President; Wm. Hull, Vice-President; Wm. Saunderson, 2nd Vice-President; R. I. Crisp, Secretary. Directors: Benj. Trayer, Jno. Sharman, Jno. Orr, T. Dickie, R. F. Miller, J. H. Kinnear, Auditors: J. H. Hartney, J. Y. Bambridge. A resolution was passed making the remuneration of the Secretary the same this year as last, \$15.00. A number of accounts were laid on the table, which, after being examined and found correct, were passed. Mr. Wm. Saunderson was appointed delegate to attend the meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute at Brandon next month. The President is *ex-officio* a delegate as well.

## NIVERVILLE.

Annual meeting of the Niverville Farmers' Institute was held on June 23rd. The attendance was only fair. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. Wallace, Niverville; Vice-President, Hugh Street, Niverville; Sec.-Treas., R. W. Greig, Otterburn. Directors: C. H. McWatt, Glenlea; John McVicar, Otterburn; John Wade, Otterburn; Albert Wittick, Niverville; Wm. May, Niverville. Auditors: J. R. Marsh and Frank Black, Niverville. Delegate to Central Farmers' Institute: Geo. H. Greig, FARMER'S ADVOCATE, Winnipeg, and President Wallace.

## OAK LAKE.

The annual meeting of Oak Lake Farmers' Institute was held June 15th, and was largely attended. Officers elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, W. J. Helliwell; Vice-President, Thos. Speers; Sec.-Treas., J. M. Hacking. Directors: A. L. Lang, J. J. Arsenault, Arch. Leitch, D. Cameron, D. W. Rowand and R. K. Smith. Mr. Bedford, Manager of Experimental Farm, addressed the Institute, giving a review of his experiments on the Farm, from which much useful information was gathered; and the meeting adjourned, after spending a very enjoyable as well as profitable time, to meet again July 20th, when Mr. Thos. Speers will address the meeting; subject: "Ideal Cow for Dairy Purposes."

## Portage la Prairie Fair.

The twentieth annual fair at Portage la Prairie was held on July 19th and 20th, being the first summer fair ever held by this Association, and the first held in their new home on the "Island;" and a very beautiful "home" it is, by the way. Whether the season had anything to do with the success of the show or not, it was certainly one of the best local shows we have yet attended in the country. The turn-out of stock was very creditable, with lively competition in nearly all classes. We regret that for lack of space we are unable to report the exhibition fully in this issue.

## GLENBORO.

Glenboro Agricultural Society has also tried the summer fair, holding their 1894 exhibition on July 19th. We hope to publish a report of it in our next issue.

A curious story comes from Swift Current. The manager and a friend were watching a flock of sheep go past them towards the C. A. C. ranch, when Mr. Rutherford felt his hand touched by one of the lambs. While engaged in taking notice of the little animal, the shepherd, a Scotchman, came up leading his pony, and asked them to wait a minute and he would show them something. Taking the lamb in his hands, he touched with its fore-legs the hind legs of his pony, a mare, whose colt had been recently weaned. Immediately the mare stood steady and allowed the lamb to suckle her. The shepherd stated that the lamb had lost its mother and had been reared on the mare's milk.