

### Carberry Fair.

The fourth summer fair under the auspices of the Norfolk Agricultural Society was held on July 19th and 20th at Woodbine Park. The weather was fine, with the exception of rather high winds on the afternoon of the second day, which made it somewhat dusty and disagreeable. The attendance from the surrounding country, as well as from the towns, was very satisfactory. The exhibits in the livestock classes were fully up to the average, as were also most of the departments in the main building; so that, upon the whole, the fair was most satisfactory to exhibitors and managers alike. As usual, the horses formed the most attractive feature (the Carberry Plains are well known as one of the best horse districts in the West), both light and heavy horses being well represented. The light classes were judged by Thomas Kelly, of Brandon, and the heavy horses by Alfred Chambers, of Wawanessa. No complaints regarding the awards were heard; in fact, there did not appear to be room for any. The single-judge system is strongly to be commended, and should be adopted at all fairs, care being taken to get competent men from outside districts. In Thoroughbreds, Mr. R. S. Fulton, of Moose Jaw, showed his well-known stallion, Rumpus, and was awarded first prize. Dr. Shaw had a few entries in this class, and R. I. M. Power was first in brood mare and foal.

In the Roadster class, Dr. Henderson's pacing stallion was awarded first. Duncan Pierson was first with a very good style of mare and foal, and Dan McCaig showed a very nice yearling. In single drivers in harness, Dr. Henderson was first, and Mr. Dunsmore, of Franklin, second. Four Roadster teams competed, Gregg-Barret's winning first, with Wm. Henderson, of Wawanessa, second. A very handsome little saddle horse belonging to Gregg-Barret won in a fairly good class of seven, with Alfred Yandle, of Birtle, second.

In the Coach class, D. McCaig was awarded red ticket on Ryshawk, with McKenzie, of Brookdale, second. Three carriage teams competed, Arthur Mack, Carberry, winning first, and R. S. Fulton, of Moose Jaw, second. No fewer than 8 teams, not under 16 hands, came out in the carriage class, Alex. May winning first and C. Trumper second.

In the Clydesdale class, two aged stallions were shown. Wm. Bailey's Burnbrae 8378—was an outstanding first, with Woodbine Prince, owned by Hugh Stewart, of Arden, second. Dr. Swenerton had a very promising entry in the two-year-old Rosemont, a son of Young McQueen, shown in fine fettle, but without competition. W. Bailey showed a number of good fillies, also showed in the brood mare and foal classes. There were but few entries in the agricultural classes, A. Lyons having the only brood mare, and winning second on foal, with R. Smith first, both foals by the Clydesdale Prince of Wales. The principal interest centered in the teams, in which the competition was strong, and many of the entries of special merit. Three agricultural teams entered, and were placed in the following order: Alex. Kitchie, Archd Campbell, and M. Craig. Two magnificent heavy draft teams belonging to Robert Dodds and J. C. Humiston were placed in the order named. Eight general purpose teams competed, first going to a pair of handsome blacks shown by Wm. Currie, of Petrel, second to a pair of greys belonging to John Gibson, of Wellwood. As there were only two prizes, a number of good teams were left out of the reckoning in this section.

The cattle were judged by Jabez Elliott, of Brandon, and Mr. Hall, of Carberry. The entries were not numerous, but what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality by the presence of a strong draft from the herd of John G. Barron. In the Shorthorn class, Messrs. Black & Wells, of Wellwood, showed a four-year-old son of Topsman, a thick, smooth bull of extra merit. He won first over Lord Stanley, who was shown by Allan Grant. J. G. Barron was without competition throughout the rest of the class, the entries all being in fine fit, but as they will come under review in the Winnipeg Industrial report, nothing further need be said regarding them here. William Ranson, of Carberry, showed a Holstein bull of extra merit, and William Atkin a few females of this breed. The grade cattle were good, what was of them; George Hope winning first in the grade beef and grade dairy classes with cows of very special merit.

The sheep exhibit was small, and in swine there was no competition in any of the classes represented, Robert Hope's Berkshires being the largest exhibit of any one breed.

The exhibit of grain was most creditable, there being a good number of competitors in most of the sections, and the quality extra. The Union Bank offered special prizes for the best 10 bushels of Red Fyfe wheat, the fortunate winners being John Lyons, John Duncan, and D. Hammel. H. Bates and R. Ferguson were first and second on two bushel lots of white Fyfe. Prizes for white oats were won: first by J. R. Duer, of Arden; second by H. Bates. Black oats, W. Ross first and W. J. Stinson second. Two-rowed barley, first, H. Bates, and second, J. Thompson. John Thompson was awarded first on collection of grasses, including wheat, oats, barley, two and six rowed, and peas, clover and snail. W. J. Stinson won first on bushel of timothy, and M. Craig first on Brome grass.

The butter exhibit was exceedingly good. W. A. Murray, President of the Dairy Superintendent, who acted as judge, expressed himself as highly pleased

with the exhibit as a whole, the average scores running very high. Among the principal winners were John Gorrell, Mrs. T. Goggins, Miss C. Turner, Mrs. D. A. Reynolds, and Mrs. Wm. Ross.

A good programme of races and special attractions were provided, and doubtless helped to draw a number of people from the town.

### Portage la Prairie Summer Fair.

The twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Portage la Prairie and Lakeside Agricultural Society was held on July 17th, 18th and 19th, at Island Park. The weather was perfect, and the stock exhibit the best that has been turned out at Portage la Prairie for a number of years. Everything, in fact, went off successfully, except that the attendance was not as large as it should have been. In horses, the exhibit was large and of particularly high quality throughout.

In the draft horse class the competition was not very large. W. G. Lytle won the sweepstakes on heavy draft stallion, James Bell second. James Bell won the diploma with Clydesdale stallion and three of his get. David Lytle won the sweepstakes for the best mare, any age or breed.

In Clydesdales, John Wishart was the principal winner, showing a number of good entries. David Lytle won with a very handsome, well matched team, 3,200 lbs. and over.

In the agricultural classes the competition was keen. E. H. Muir won first on brood mare, Thomas Gibson second. For three-year-old filly, John Brydon first and James Gibb second. Two year-olds, James Lytle first and James Gibb second. Yearlings, John Ross first and James McKenzie second. James McKenzie won first on foal, with E. H. Muir second. On agricultural teams, 2,800 or over, Thos. Wallace won first, Robert McCowan second, and Brown & Carruth third. These teams would do credit to any showing, and were shown in splendid condition, and were well handled. In general purpose teams, no less than 8 competed; J. W. Beattie winning out, with W. A. Caskey second, and M. Howie third. Of course, a general purpose class is an almost impossible one, for horses of many types are entered, and it is just a matter of opinion which type the judge considers the general purpose type. The principal winners in the single entries of this class were John Brydon, R. Craig and Robert Gibb for brood mare in the order named. For three-year-old filly or gelding, Yuill Bros. and A. L. Insley were first and second. T. L. Bell was first on two-year-old; John Wishart in the yearling section, and John Galbraith on foals. The draft classes were judged by Wm. Charlton and Wm. Edwards and A. E. Anderson.

The light horse judges were T. J. Charlton and John Simpson, Poplar Point. In the light horse classes there were few entries in the Thoroughbred and Standard classes. E. V. Kilmister won first on aged stallion, M. Shannon on three-year-old stallion, and also on three-year-old filly. Charles Cuthbert and W. Richardson won first and second on Standard-bred and mare or gelding to harness.

In the Roadster class the competition was pretty well sustained throughout the section. Brood mare—First, Yuill Bros.; second, Wm. Gray; third, Jas. Dalzell. Three-year-old James Dalzell first and third, and A. L. Insley second. Two-year-old, James Dalzell first, H. Kirkwood second, and W. Robinson third. Yearlings, James Dalzell first. Foal—Wm. Gray and Yuill Bros. Single Roadsters was a strong class, E. E. Snider winning, with W. Metcalf and A. E. Mellon second and third. Pair of Roadsters, John Ross first. In the special offered for farmer's single Roadster in harness, E. E. Snider was first, F. A. Brydon second, and John Galbraith third.

In the carriage class, Muir Bros. showed their magnificent stallion, Knight of the Vale. As usual, this grand horse was the center of attraction, and was shown in good form. James McLean was first on brood mare, R. Craig on three-year-olds and two year-olds, and J. R. Snider on two year-old. J. T. Thomas, Robert Gibb, and W. G. Lytle stood in the order named on yearlings. R. Craig was first on foal. Single driver in harness, W. J. Cooper first and C. Cuthbert second. John Palmer won on pair in harness.

In cattle, the entries were above the average in number, the competition being keen in the Shorthorn class. The herds of Messrs. Walter Lynch, F. W. Brown, and Thomas Wallace were represented, besides a number of individual entries. The beef cattle classes were all judged by Mr. W. S. Lister, of Middlechurch, with satisfaction to all. Brown's Lyndhurst was an easy first in the aged class, with A. L. Insley's entry second. In two-year-old bulls there were three entries, placed in the following order: Wallace's Charger by Judge first, Brown's Spicy Robin second, and T. L. Bell's Golden Duke third. In yearlings, Lynch won with Johnnie Cope, a roan son of Village Hero; Luke Beatty second, Alex. Fraser third. Under a year old, James Bray won with a very promising calf by Kinkie Duster; J. Thomas second; Wm. Dickson, of Grenfell, third. Bull calf of 1900, Yuill Bros. won with a very tidy calf by Village Hero. In cows, Brown's entries were first and third, Lynch's second. In three year-olds, Lynch won with Imogene 2nd, Wallace second and third. Two year-olds, Lynch's Saphira 8th won. In yearlings, Lynch's Grace won first, Earth second, and Brown's Wm. McNamee 3rd. Bray won first again with a daughter of Kinkie Duster, as under a year. In better calves of 1900, Lynch won with Monique 2nd, one of the smoothest

and plumpest calves we have seen out this year. David Little was second with a real good red. The third prize went to Brown. F. W. Brown won the herd prize and also the sweepstakes for the best bull.

A very good herd of Polled Angus were shown by Simpson, of Poplar Point. Ayrshires were shown by Thomas McCartney, Longburn, without competition, except in bull over three years, in which section I. R. Snider won first and sweepstakes. J. Webster showed a few Jerseys, and W. Edwards a Guernsey bull. James Glennie was alone in the Holstein classes, showing several particularly good things, all of which will be reviewed at the Winnipeg Industrial, his imported bull calf, Chief Mercedes De Kol, being worthy of very special mention.

In grades, the entries were not very numerous, except for milk cows, when eleven good animals lined up, the first going to Charles Braithwaite, the second to Luke Beatty.

The dairy cattle were judged by Wm. Champion, of Reburn.

Sheep were judged by George Tidsbury and James Glennie, there being, however, no competition in the various breeds represented. Duncan Sinclair, of Oakville, showed some very good Leicesters; F. W. Brown, Cotswolds, and H. S. Garrioch, Shropshires.

Berkshires were the only breed in which there was any competition. Wm. McBride showed Chester Whites; James Bray, Yorkshires. John Jones showed first prize aged Yorkshire boar. In the Berkshire classes there were 1 exhibitors, J. W. Brown being first and second on boar over a year old, first and diploma on aged sow. William Kitson, of Burnside, was first on pair under a year, and boar under six months, and sweepstakes on boar any age, and a number of seconds. F. W. Brown was first on sow and litter, and on sow under six months. J. A. Fraser was first on sow under two years, and under one year. These classes were judged by D. McKenzie.

In poultry there was, as usual, a very good exhibit; the prizes were pretty evenly distributed among a number of exhibitors. The show of grain was very small, but what there was of it was of good quality. H. S. Garrioch and John Jones were first and second respectively for the special offered by the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. for 5 bushels of Red Fyfe wheat. Yuill Bros. were first on six-rowed barley, and William Dickson, of Grenfell, on two-rowed barley. Cuthbert was first on white oats, and A. E. Mellon on black oats. An extra fine sample of timothy was shown by H. Ogilvie, winning first; Mrs. C. M. Cuthbert winning first on Brome grass seed. Garrioch won first on flax with an extra choice sample. A. E. Mellon was first and Robert McCowan second for collection of grains.

Dairy products were judged by Dairy Superintendent Murray, and while there was not a very large exhibit, the quality was good throughout, the scores running high. This is the first time that the score card has been introduced at the Portage la Prairie Fair, and it gave entire satisfaction, every exhibitor being pleased to have the score card to guide them. The principal winners in the dairy classes were John Brydon, Henry Kirkwood, Macdonald; Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert, Austin; H. Ogilvie, Yuill Bros., and Glennie & Sons, Longburn; W. Robinson, Oakville; and T. L. Lee. In the 20 lb. crock section there were 14 entries, and only a few of these scored lower than 90 points. There was a very large and excellent exhibit of homemade bread, special prizes having been offered by the Lake of the Woods and Ogilvie Milling Companies. The horticultural, dairy, and grains, also the fine arts and ladies' department, were accommodated in tents, which was not very satisfactory; and it is to be hoped that before another year this society, the oldest in the Province will be provided with a suitable exhibition building in its beautiful location in Island Park.

### Dates of Summer Fairs.

Mooseoministiquia	Aug. 7th and 8th.
Souris	Aug. 7th and 8th.
Neepawa	Aug. 7th and 8th.
Regina	Aug. 8th and 9th.
Manitou	Aug. 16th and 17th.
Strathclair	Aug. 21st.
Calgary	Sept. 12th to 15th.
Crystal City	Sept. 28th.

### Stray Specimens.

Some little time ago a small wooden box containing several little pieces of dry twigs, upon which evidently some insect had been working, reached this office by mail without name of sender or any particulars. We have patiently awaited some explanation from the sender in order that some information might be obtained regarding the specimens.

### Subsoil Packer.

I believe the packer is a first-rate implement, especially on manured land. It packs the bottom of the furrow firmly, and the ground seems much firmer to walk on. I used four horses on an 8-foot packer. It was heavily loaded, and the ground was plowed 6 to 7 inches deep. It was not hard work for four horses. I should like to use it another season before I say much about the results.

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