

MANITOBA AND THE WEST

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more to do than in the past. The circuit of meetings should cover at least one month. It is proposed to note that some of the Farmers' Institutes intend holding demonstrations in stock judging and other similarly illustrated lectures in connection with their winter series of meetings.

Another subject upon which the executive committee placed themselves on record, was the Dominion Exhibition for 1905, which they believe should be held in Winnipeg. This matter has been taken up with enthusiasm by various public bodies which are now engaged in a careful consideration of ways and means before committing themselves to an active campaign to secure the Exhibition for Winnipeg in 1905.

The weather continues fine, finer, finest, every day in the week. We had to put up with a few little cranky notions of the weather man during September, but October and the first half of November have amply compensated and we bear no ill-feeling.

Ottawa Poultry Association

A poultry association has been formed at Ottawa to protect the interests of the poultry men of that district at the shows and to promote social intercourse. Mr. A. G. Gilbert, manager of the Poultry Department, Central Experimental Farm, is president, and J. S. Allen, secretary.

A High-priced Turkey

Mr. W. J. Bell, Angus, Ont., reports the sale of his excellent turkey at Toronto, this year to Mrs. Smith, Boyle, Ireland, for the large sum of \$65. This bird weighed 35 pounds at nine months and brought the highest price ever paid for a turkey.

Canadian Turkeys Wanted

From what we can learn there is likely to be an excellent demand in England for Canadian turkeys for the Christmas trade. Prices for English turkeys will undoubtedly run high and consequently Canadian birds will bring high prices also. There are indications, however, that the Canadian turkey crop will not be as large as usual this year and we may not have many to export.


Bacteria in Milk

The susceptibility of milk to bacterial infection is well shown by a recent report of the city bacteriologist of Glasgow, Scotland. He says: "The bacterial content of milk as it arrives at the railway stations was made the subject of two series of experiments in July and August, and the number of organisms was found to vary in different samples of milk from 4000 to 3,500,000 per cubic centimetre. The former number is very considerably below the average, although it is a number quite consistent with the production of milk under perfectly clean conditions, while the latter number represents a degree of filthiness which exposes the consumer to great risk. The establishment of a bacterial standard of purity for sweet milk is urgently needed, and would bring about the recognition of what is true-cleanliness in the handling of milk."

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