

the contest should take place at Woodstock on October 1st, which was the date of the County Agricultural Exhibition. Seeing, however, that the chief actors in the scene were residents of Zorra who would naturally have special interest in Embro, the board of directors of the West Zorra and Embro Agricultural Society met and resolved to make strenuous efforts to capture the noted event for their fall exhibition, which was to take place on October 10th. The directors voted large sums of money towards defraying expenses and offered a valuable medal to the victors. Their object was gained that the contest should take place at Embro on October 10th.

The West Zorra and Embro Agricultural Exhibition is always looked on as a leading event of the year by the farmers, and in many respects is as good as, if not better than, any in the county.

On the afternoon of the 10th about four thousand people had congregated, the chief attraction being to witness the great contest. The Chicago men were fine, muscular-looking men who felt confident of an easy victory. The Zorra boys, remembering their former victories at Buffalo and Lucknow and other places, and also being encouraged by thousands of Canadian spectators cheering them on, resolved to die hard.

When the teams were ready for the pull, and as they stood side by side, they presented a very fine appearance, indeed. When both teams were ready for the pull, Col. Munroe, in a clear voice, gave the signal for starting. In less than one minute the Chicago men were pulled over the line. The next part of the contest, however, was a most remarkable trial of strength and endurance. Both teams got fairly set in their pit holes, and a greater exhibition of strength to strength has been seldom witnessed.

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