

indeed a heavy task. Almost every settler puts up a certain amount of hay, for it is necessary to have this as feed for his stock. In some parts, and especially in central and northern Alberta, many farmers depend almost entirely on the hay crop for their livelihood. Thus it is that some notes on the different methods of stacking hay should prove of some value to the readers of THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Perhaps one of the simplest methods, and what many claim to be the most efficient for stacking, is the drag method, using a rough pole having a thickness of one foot and a length of about fourteen feet. To each end of this pole a team is attached by a chain eight to ten feet in length. The hay is raked into wind-rows and bunched into coils by the rake. By driving down the row of coils it is possible to drag fifteen or twenty of them in one load. When the hay is loose and dry it is a difficult matter to stack by the use of the pole. After a couple loads have been drawn together, some attention must be given to the formation of the stack. Four planks are used to run the stacks up. Those planks are usually of two-inch thickness, ten inches wide and eighteen feet long. It is possible to buck the hay in this fashion until the stack becomes about fourteen feet high, when it will be necessary to use a wagon and rack to top the stack off. With two men driving and a man on the stack it is quite possible to stack from twenty to thirty tons per day.

This method of stacking can be employed in the stacking of almost any kind of hay. When the hay is dry and loose it works most effectively and it is doubtful if there is a more efficient method to be found, and one that can be operated at a minimum expense.

FIELD NOTES

Alfalfa Competition

The Saskatchewan alfalfa growing competition has caught the popular fancy to a degree that was hardly expected, even by those most interested in the plan. The number of inquiries for information in regard to the rules of the competition has been large, and those who have sought expert advice in the growing of this important crop have not been few. Last spring, Superintendent Angus MacKay, Indian Head, who is one of the first and most successful growers of alfalfa in Saskatchewan, offered to give a sack of inoculated soil to any person who would pay the freight charges on it, and more than two hundred requests in a short time was the result.

The committee which has charge of the alfalfa growing competition has received generous financial support from public-spirited persons such as President William Mackenzie, of the C. N. R. The secretary of the committee announces the acceptance of another generous subscription of \$250.00 from The William Pearson Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg.

Professor Thomas Shaw, director of the Great Northern Railway's demonstration stations in the Northwestern States, was one of the party of expert agriculturists who toured this country less than a year ago. The Last Mountain Valley was visited by the party and after an examination of the soil there Prof. Shaw stated that it is eminently suited to the growth of alfalfa, which thrives best in a soil of limestone origin.

Excursions to Indian Head

The exceedingly popular excursions to the Dominion government experimental farm at Indian Head, which have been conducted annually for some years, are to be repeated this year and will be held on July 26, 27 and 28. Arrangements have now been completed whereby special trains from the following parts of the province will be run:

From Soo line points between Estevan and Pasqua and on the Arcola line from Antler to Regina on Tuesday, July 26th; from points on the Prince Albert line between Saskatoon and Regina, and from points between Maryfield and Wolsley on the Wolsley-Reston branch on Wednesday, July 27th, and from points on the main line between Fleming on the east and Mortlach on the west, as well as from Outlook branch between Outlook and Moose Jaw on Thursday, July 28th.

Special efforts have been made to provide a programme that will be extremely interesting and instructive. It is expected that Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Prof. W. C. Murray, Dean Rutherford, Prof. Gussow and Professors Beaton, Greig and Willing of the Saskatchewan College of Agriculture will be

present to entertain and give information to the visitors, while Superintendent MacKay will receive the excursionists at the experimental farm, and Supt. Norman M. Ross will welcome them at the forestry farm. A Winnipeg lady has been induced to attend and deliver an address each afternoon on "Opportunities for Women in Rural Districts." Mr. Norman M. Ross will also give an extremely interesting and instructive talk on gardening.

As special rates will be in force from all points from which patronage of these excursions is expected and the dates precede the busy harvest season, a record breaking attendance is expected. The Indian Head Citizens' Band has been engaged for the excursions.

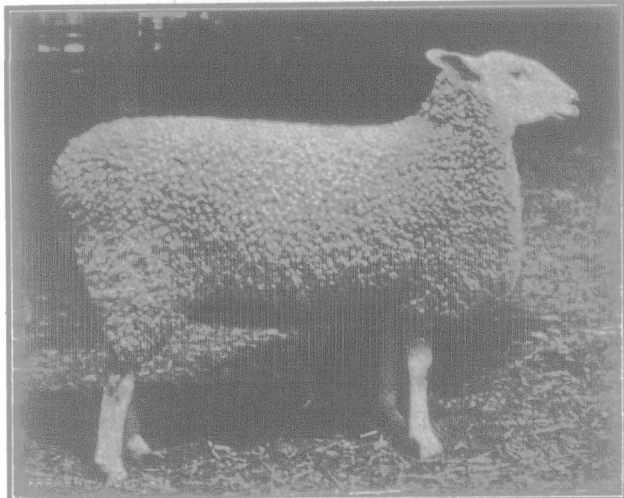
Excursions to Lacombe

Excursions are being run to the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lacombe, Alta. On July 29 special trains will run from Strathcona, Castor and Calgary. These excursions are worthy of patronage. Every farmer should interest himself in experimental work and results.

Stock Judging Contests

The live stock associations of Saskatchewan have, during recent years, endeavored to arouse a greater interest in the judging of live stock. A number of the agricultural societies arranged for judging competitions at the summer fairs, but neither at the annual winter fair nor at the summer fairs has the interest been as great as it should be. Perhaps in no other department of the Saskatchewan Winter Fair were the prizes so generous, proportionately, as for live stock judging competitions, but there were very few competitors for the honors and awards. This failure to take part in the competition may be due to diffidence on the part of young farmers, but it should not be so.

Apart from the cash prizes, which in most cases are sufficiently valuable to attract the attention of the



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young men, the confidence which must follow participation in the competition, and the information given in the remarks of the judges should cause many more young men to take part in this competition this year than has been the case heretofore.

The secretaries of agricultural societies in Saskatchewan are glad to supply information respecting the stock-judging competition, and young men should now make up their minds to be there when the competition is on.

Dairymen Get Demands

The demands made by dairymen in Manitoba a couple of months ago have been granted. For some time the dairymen's association have tried to induce the railway companies to remedy grievances in regard to the shipment of milk and cream. For a time nothing was done, and the association executive laid the matter before the railway commission in Winnipeg on May 13. A detailed report of the case appeared in our issue of May 18.

The demands included a reduction in rates to conform with rates on American roads; agents to accept delivery of milk at platform or baggage room at point of shipment and give receipt; and return of empty cans by way bill so that lost cans may be traced.

The railway commissioners on hearing the evidence agreed that these requests were reasonable. They gave the railway companies thirty days to make satisfactory arrangements with the dairymen. When representatives of the association met representatives of the railways, the latter did not care to grant all the demands. The dairymen, however, stood firm. Finally the C. N. R. and the C. P. R. gave in. Cans will be loaded and unloaded at shipping points and receipt given. At flag stations receipts are received from the train baggage men. No receipt is given for empty cans. All cans must be clearly marked.

The question of rates on cream is not yet settled. The dairymen want same rates on sweet and sour

cream, and also want the tariff on the same changed to cover 5, 10, 15, 20, etc., miles area, rather than 10, 25, 50, etc., miles as at present. Sweet cream is wanted for the manufacture of high-grade butter, and dairymen do not feel that it is fair to charge double rates on the better grade raw product.

Conservatives Win

Last Monday's elections in Manitoba resulted in the return of the Roblin Government. Incomplete returns on Tuesday morning give 26 Conservatives and 13 Liberals that are said to be elected, and two seats still in doubt. In a few ridings the vote is close and final returns may give slight changes. Hon. R. P. Roblin had over 300 more than W. F. Osborne. Hon. T. C. Norris had more than 200 of a lead over his opponent. All the cabinet ministers were returned. Ed. Brown was beaten in South Winnipeg by about 50.

Dates to Keep in Mind

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, at Winnipeg, July 13 to 23.
Inter-Provincial Exhibition, at Brandon, July 25 to 29.
Saskatchewan Provincial Exhibition, at Regina, August 2 to 5.
Stock Show and Race Meet, Edmonton, August 23 to 26.
Canadian National Exhibition, at Toronto, August 27 to Sept. 10.
Dominion Exhibition, at St. John, N. B., Sept. 5 to 15.
Western Fair, at London, Sept. 9 to 17.
Central Canada Exhibition, at Ottawa, Sept. 9 to 17.
Provincial Exhibition, New Westminster, B. C., October 4 to 8.

Events of the Week

CANADIAN

Railroad telegraphers on the G. T. P. will receive increased wages. * * *

One hundred and seventy-five Manitoba teachers left Winnipeg on July 6th for a tour of Great Britain. The city gave them a farewell luncheon. * * *

Fire in Nelson, B. C., did much damage to town property. The cause is unknown, and there is little insurance. * * *

The jury at the coroner's inquest on the "Herald" disaster in Montreal brings in a verdict that no one can be held responsible for the catastrophe. * * *

Members of the national commission on technical education at Ottawa will devote time this summer to a tour of Canada, United States and Europe, in a search for information regarding this work. * * *

There is great rejoicing in Canada over the winning of the Steward's Cup in the Henley races by a Winnipeg four-oared crew. The Winnipeggers' style of rowing had been severely criticized, and the surprise at their win was great. They defeated the Mayence crew of Germany by two lengths. Another Canadian success is the winning of the Mackinnon Challenge Cup at Bisley, heading the list at all the ranges. The Kolapore Cup stays in England, Canadians being beaten by two points. * * *

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

Agricultural areas are to be opened for homesteading in Alaska by order of the American government. * * *

The Pope of Rome has been ordered to take a complete rest. Too much activity in the heat caused fainting spells. * * *

More than twenty people were killed and a hundred injured in a train wreck at Middletown, Ohio, owing to the collision of a fast express with a freight train. * * *

The Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, Nevada, on July 4th ended with the total defeat of the white man in the fifteenth round. * * *

A printing company in Indiana has taken the contract for printing a million copies of "Roosevelt in Africa." This is said to be the largest single order ever given to a printing firm.



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