

**Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions**

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inspection and judging of those registered competitors.

These grain and potato competitions are the ones which have made possible these wonderful exhibits of grain and sheaves and other field crops displayed annually at the Canadian National Exhibition, Central Canada Exhibition and the Royal Show. Only the seven prize winners and those with a score of 85 points and over, are eligible to compete.

Our larger fairs offer large prizes by way of encouragement for the betterment of the farming industry. No organization for the improvement of grain growing in this country has done so much as these crop competitors in producing better seed and cleaner fields, and standardizing the best varieties of field crops.

It will doubtless be of interest to you all to learn what is being done for Agricultural Societies in our sister Provinces.

**ALBERTA**—In this Province 49 fairs are held and they receive a grant of \$56,400 which is given on the basis of 50% of the money. They also receive 50 cents per member.

**SASKATCHEWAN**—The 150 Societies in Saskatchewan receive a grant of 50% of cash prizes and a maximum of \$100.00. They also receive a grant, in addition, for agricultural societies meetings.

**MANITOBA**—In the Province of Manitoba grants to agricultural fairs are based on 50% of the prize money. In 1930 this amounted to \$50,000. In addition \$6,000 are paid on membership grants. Fifty cents per member is allowed, the maximum grant on membership being \$100.

**QUEBEC**—I cannot do better than quote from a letter received from the Director of Fairs in the Province of Quebec: "During the fiscal year 1929-30 the amount of \$94,694.09 has been paid for fairs held in this Province. This represents 2-3 of the prizes awarded by the Societies themselves. This department pays a further sum each year of \$100,000 in grants to agricultural societies, 92 in number. This amount, as well as other funds at their disposal, is spent by Societies in the organization of Fairs."

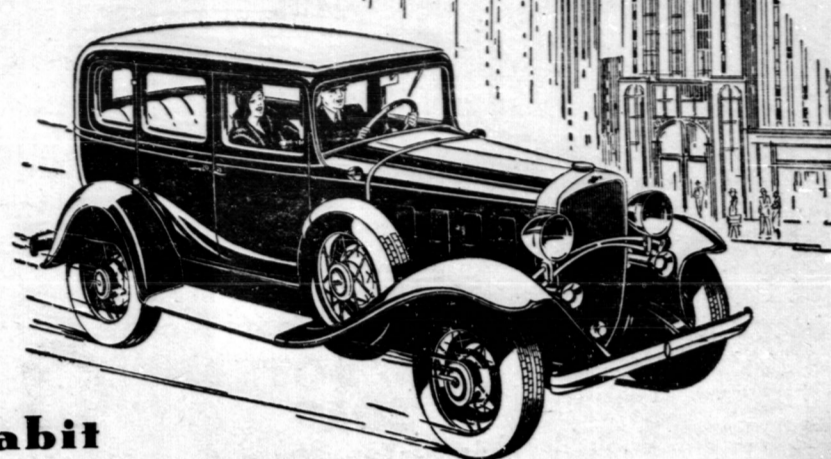
**ONTARIO**—The Government grant to the 330 Agricultural Societies operating in Ontario is \$85,000. Of all the prize money paid by the Societies they only receive 24 cents on the dollar, and no grant is given on membership. In addition to the above a special grant of \$5,000 is given to the Societies in Northern Ontario and \$1,000 is paid to Indian Societies.

The Ontario Government's system of wet weather insurance has proved of inestimable value to our Societies, and has been in successful operation for many years. The classes in the Act reads as follows: (1) quotes in full as some Societies, especially new ones, do not appear to know how it is apportioned.)

"If the Superintendent, on or before the 31st day of October in any year, receives proof by the joint affidavit of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of an agricultural society that rain or snow has fallen at the place of holding an exhibition before three o'clock in the afternoon on any day during which such exhibition was held, or if during such exhibition or within 30 days previous to same, one or more buildings on the exhibition grounds have been destroyed by fire or storm, and upon the Superintendent being satisfied that as a consequence of such weather or fire conditions the gate receipts were less than the average of 3 previous normal years of holding the exhibition, such society shall be entitled to receive a grant from the fund provided therefor equal to ninety per centum of the difference between the gate receipts of the current year and the average of the gate receipts of three previous normal years, but the amount to be paid to any one society shall not exceed \$500 and the total amount so paid to all societies shall not exceed \$10,000."

**Work of Societies' Officers and Directors**—It has been suggested that the work of the agricultural societies should be greatly extended, but in these stressful times the farmers like others are busily engaged with their own affairs. It is said by way of criticism that if they do not devote more time throughout the year to the Societies' undertakings they should not accept office. In this connection critics should understand that a fine 6,000 officers and directors of the agricultural societies

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In this Province not one of them receives a dollar for his services. We all know that a life of service to others is the only one worth living, but in the meantime each farmer is obliged to feed, clothe, and educate his own family and has not a great deal of time to give in the service. To my mind the service that they have done so much through the long history of these organizations, and in the incoming time they will, I know, do their part in all that goes to build up and make our country mightier still.

I would suggest that an agricultural society's directors and members meet, particularly in the winter season, once a month for the discussion of problems that are of interest to the work they have in hand.

Efficient officers and directors are vital to the success of any society. At this particular time in our history all drones should be tossed out of the hive. I would respectfully suggest that from time to time, you elect one or two of the younger members to your board, so that when the older boys pass on their places can be filled by qualified officials. The Secretary is one of the most important officers to be elected and if his work is well and truly done his position should be reasonably permanent.

Special Attractions at Fairs—It is a matter that should receive the serious consideration of the delegates here assembled. If it becomes necessary for our boards to lease their grounds and concessions on the days of their fair to circuses, and carnival companies, and to license all sorts of fakirs to extract illegally the hard earned money from those who patronize them, I am of the opinion they should go out of business.

Government and Municipal grants are given for the purpose of encouraging agriculture in its many lines of work. Ever since I became Superintendent I have tried to prevent rambles, wheels of fortune, draw lotteries and coin table operators from conducting their illegal and nefarious games at our fairs, and exhibitions. I fear in many cases my efforts have failed. I am not opposed to a reasonable amount of entertainment at fairs, and some societies have with a small amount of expenditure of money succeeded in satisfying those who wished to be amused. Athletic sports, children's parades, choruses and drills always

prove attractive and friends and neighbors interested in the participants attend and swell the gate receipts.

The Well Land Fair in 1931 proved that this local form of entertainment could be run successfully and was highly entertaining, and drew hundreds of crowds from outlying districts.

By communicating with authorities at Guelph and Ottawa, Directors will be able to secure splendid exhibits to those visiting your fair. It would be of interest if farm machinery exhibits were more strongly staged. Many years ago these implements were an interesting feature of our main buildings would lose their lustre as a result of this.

It is important to have a definite programme and every class brought out according to schedule. Cattle should be on the ground not later than 10.00 a.m. and judging should be all completed not later than 3.30 p.m. This gives visitors an opportunity to inspect the prize winning stock. I have noticed in some instances that at one day fair, cattle were brought in at noon, judged, and taken out of the grounds at 4 p.m. This is enough to seriously injure any fair, and those who allow it to continue are strongly urged to change this procedure. These cases, of course, are rare. Young men who are not on the Board should be utilized to act as Secretary to each Judge.

Many fairs ask high school students to do this work and it is of educational value to them.

The Agricultural Societies in this Province have invested \$1,454,338 in lands, and buildings, which are utilized only on an average of 2 or 3 days a year. I would strongly recommend that as your lands and buildings are usually within a town or village, that arrangements be made with Municipalities to have fair grounds used as community centres throughout the summer months, on the understanding that any damages to the property would be met by those to whom we have given the privilege of utilizing them.

Trees and shrubs should be planted on the fair grounds, in order to beautify them, and I would suggest that you get in touch with the horticultural society in your community to assist in this work. Trees can be secured from the Ontario Forestry Department, free of charge, for this work.

Greater interest is being taken by

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The foregoing are some of the high lights of a logical and educational speech delivered in a very brilliant manner by Donald McLean of Kent County at the social evening in the Nanticoke town hall.

Mr. McLean who is vice president of the United Farm Young People of Ontario and winner of the 1931 public speaking contest was the guest speaker of the Nanticoke True Canadian Club last Friday evening.

A large number of young people were present to listen to a well balanced well presented programme, to partake of generous helpings of ice-cream, cake and coffee, and indulge in two hours of dancing. The music was furnished by the Field Boys Orchestra.

The programme included the following:

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**News of the Countryside**  
From The Record's Correspondents

—SELKIRK—

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hurst of Buffalo were home for the holiday.

Miss Helen Hoover is spending a week in Jarvis visiting Miss Leona Marshall.

Rev. T. W. Bradt entertained friends and neighbors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hurst with local stock-pieces last Monday.

The Spinners Club held a Valentine party on Thursday night.

Mrs. Hartley Mottice, Chesapeake, is spending the week here.

Mrs. Wm. McFarlane is visiting her sister in Toronto.

After an illness of about three months Milton Hoover passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, on Monday, Feb. 15th. He leaves to mourn his passing a wife and three sons. The funeral on Thursday was largely attended. Service was conducted by Rev. Burns of Ottawa.

**JARVIS CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL**  
THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 3rd

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—VARENCY—

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Saunders and family visited at the home of Mr. Frank Walker in Hamilton on Sunday.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Toronto spent Sunday at the home of Mr. E. J. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Lundy spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Torrance of Weston.

Miss Laura Walker of Port Dover is visiting with her sister, Mrs. H. K. Saunders.

Mr. Ray Lundy and Kenneth Parkinson motored to Hamilton Monday. The March meeting of the Varence W. I. was held Wednesday.

—HAGERSVILLE—

There are several cases of scarlet fever and mumps in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coff moved their household effects to Mr. Wingers cottage on Victoria Ave.

Ray and Mrs. Risdl of Hamilton spent Monday with their parents, F. E. and Mrs. Shellrick.

Ernest and Mrs. Reichel entertained to a progressive Euchre party on Saturday evening.

Archie Wilson has returned from a month's visit with relatives in Detroit.

Harry and Mrs. Howard, Ethel & Allen Howard and John and Mrs. Hoover spent Sunday in Buffalo with George and Mrs. Hattie.

Mrs. Graham entertained a number of ladies at a thimble dinner on Tuesday afternoon. The evening was spent in progressive euchre.

—CHEAPSIDE—

Miss M. Meighen and Mr. Craig McFarlane spent the week-end at Mr. Brittons.

Mrs. George Pond is nursing in Hamilton.

The Y. P. gave Miss Vera Watcebury a surprise party on Saturday evening it being her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Atkinson and sons; Mrs. and Miss Meighen and Mr. S. Britton spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Buckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitching of Guelph spent Saturday at the parsonage.

Miss Elvina Wilkinson spent a

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