



## *A heavy load*

Photo by Thelma Hiuser

Bill Thompson of RR 1 St. Pauls takes a shot at the farmer's walk carrying 185 pounds in each hand at the Zorra Highland Games in Embro on Friday. The walk was one of several strong-men events at the 57th annual Games.

# Sunny weather for Highland Games

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EMBRO — Warm, sunny skies shone down on the 57th Zorra Highland Games at the Embro Community Centre Friday.

About 5,000 people attended the event with eight pipe bands marching in the massed band parade to open and close the event.

At 10 a.m., a 10-kilometre mini-marathon with 81 runners began, finishing up later at the fairgrounds. At London man had the best time of 34 minutes 29 seconds.

There were 180 dancers registered for the Scottish dancing competition including two from Scotland, two from Prince Edward Island and several from the United States.

Nine teams took part in the annual tug-of-war competitions with South Easthope taking first place with eight wins and no losses, the second year in a row the team has won. Last year, South Easthope's victory came during the 100th anniversary of the Mighty Men of Zorra's 1893 world championship tug-of-war win at the Chicago World's Fair.

Other teams taking part in the tug-of-war Friday were from

Ellice, Zorra, Dashwood, Nissouri and Toronto. As well, there were two teams from Windsor, one of which will be the only team from Canada to take part in the international tug-of-war competitions in Sweden in September.

Strong-men events such as the caber toss, farmer's walk and the stone toss followed the tug-of-war.

Rob Hoffman, of Dashwood, placed first in the farmer's walk where participants had to carry heavy weights. Second was Murray Schlotzhauer, of RR 1 Stratford.