

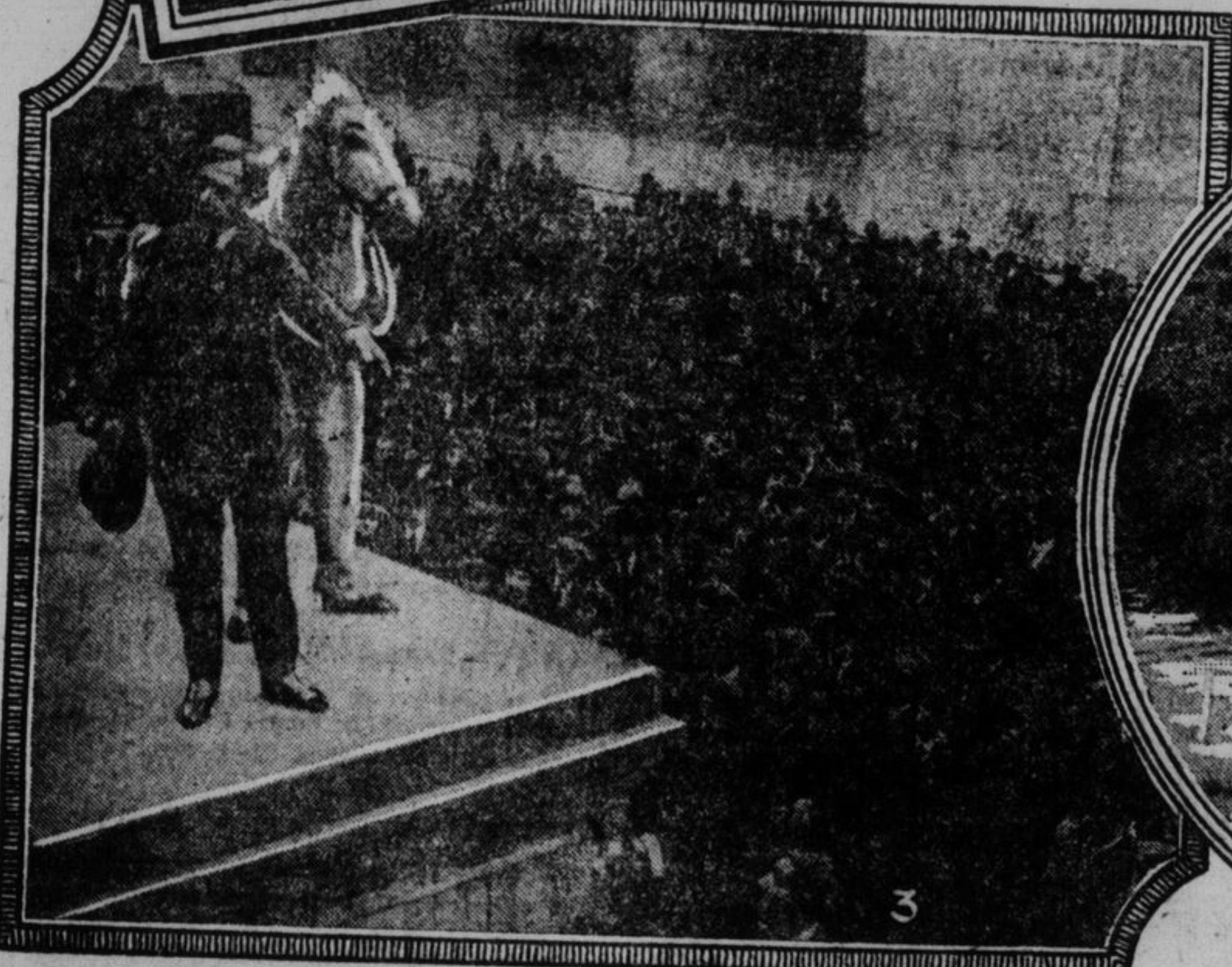
PICTURE NEWS OF THE DAY—SASKATCHEWAN FARMING



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- (1) The King and Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra and the King and Queen of Denmark visiting the Advertising Exhibition at the White City, London, Eng.
- (2) The Mayor of Longborough, England, reading an address of welcome and conferring the "Freedom of the City" on Dr. Macnamara, who was visiting the college.
- (3) Raymond Hitchcock the comedian, and his famous horse "Apple" help the Salvation Army Christmas Fund.
- (4) The opening meet of the "Killing Kildares" at Johnstone, Co. Kildare, Ireland.
- (5) Military and police make wholesale round-ups in Dublin while the Labor Commission were sitting—Searching the suspects.
- (6) The Labor Commission which arrived in Dublin to investigate Irish murders and reprisals.
- (7) Explosion of a Dump of Shells in a factory at Vergiate, Italy—10 were killed. The disaster is believed to be the work of "Red" workmen.

The Side Lines of a Grain Growing Province



STUD HORSES AT NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN

The "Land of the Golden Grain" is a name well suited to the Province of Saskatchewan, the middle of the three prairie provinces of Canada, for grain growing has been the chief occupation of its inhabitants since the earliest days of its settlement. So good has been the quality and so heavy the yields of the wheat and other grains grown in Saskatchewan, that whenever the province was spoken about it was in association with grain, and many people thought, and a large proportion of them, no doubt, still think that grain growing was and is the only branch of farming carried on in this rich province. Probably, a very large number of people who now know something about Saskatchewan would never have heard of this province but for the success of Seager Wheeler, the "Wheat Wizard," first in winning, at the Madison Square Gardens, New York, in 1911, the thousand dollars in gold for the best hundred pounds of wheat grown on the American continent, and subsequent winnings of Mr. Wheeler and other Saskatchewan farmers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Wichita, Kansas, El Paso, Texas, Peoria, Illinois, Kansas City, Mo., Chicago, and other places.

But experience of the last few years has shown that Saskatchewan farmers can and do raise other things than grain. Sheep, horses and cattle are all steadily increasing in numbers on the Saskatchewan farms, and evidence that these, too, are, like the grain, of a superior quality is forthcoming in the success of the animals from this province exhibited at the International Stock Show at Chicago this year.

A few years ago there were scarcely any sheep in Saskatchewan, but many of the early settlers soon recognized that the province as regards climate, feed and water was

well suited to sheep, and they began to keep a few on their farms, the numbers have steadily increased year by year until now between 150,000 and 200,000 sheep are owned by farmers in Saskatchewan, and this year approximately 750,000 pounds of wool were produced.

But the raising of sheep has not advanced so much as the raising of horses. The provincial livestock commissioner claims that Saskatchewan is now the leading horse breeding province in the Dominion of Canada. The heavy draft horse with Percheron, Clydesdale or Belgian blood in him, is the kind of animal their attention, and farmers need not go out of the province to sell at satisfactory prices all such horses they can raise. The tractor has not displaced horses on the Saskatchewan farms nor is it likely to do so or have seen both tried, and have decided in favor of the horse. In 1919 there were more than a million horses in Saskatchewan, and the number has steadily increased since. Many of these horses are, perhaps, on the light side, but the light draft horse weighing about 1,600 pounds or more is what most of the farmers in Saskatchewan are raising, and the demand for horses of this type is far ahead of the supply.

The quality of the horses that are being bred in Saskatchewan is exemplified by the successes at the International Show this year. The champion Clydesdale was a Saskatchewan horse, "Wee Donald," bred on the farm of L. Weaver, near Lloydminster, and the first prize being bred in Saskatchewan was a stallion Belgian foal "Charles Decon-ek" is owned by Coe Brothers and was bred on their farm near Regina. Last year the champion Belgian was

a horse owned by Paul Rupp, who on his farm at Lampman, in the south of the province, has probably the finest herd of Belgian horses on the continent.

Like the horse and sheep industries the cattle industry of Saskatchewan has made substantial progress during the last few years. The provincial livestock commissioner estimates that there are now 100,000 more cattle in the province than there were a year ago. This marks the ratio of increase that has been going on from year to year, and the end is not yet, for there is still room for more cattle in the province than there are at present. In 1919 the total was 1,379,653 head, of which 374,062 were milk cows. The provincial government is devoting much attention to the livestock industry, and buys cattle at the leading markets selling them at cost to farmers on easy payments. The time is within the memory of many of the residents of the province when the only milk they ever got was the condensed variety, and when their butter had also to be imported. Not many years ago a beginning was made with dairying. The province soon produced more butter than was required to supply its own needs and had some to spare. During the last few years there has been a surplus for export to Great Britain, the United States, the Pacific Coast and other parts of Canada, and cities in Eastern Canada. Last year one hundred and four carloads, or 6,522,000 pounds of the highest quality of creamery butter left the province, while this year the total export bids fair to exceed 7,000,000 pounds.

The side lines of this grain growing province have, therefore, already assumed a position of considerable importance, and are becoming increasingly important every year.



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