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Roots of the farm problem : changing technology, changing capital use, changing labor needs

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections160

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Heady, Earl Orel, 1916

lowa State University. Center for Agricultural and Economic Development

Description Level: Item

Item Number: Archives 14-4-24
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-24

Responsibility: Earl O. Heady ... [et al.]

Start Date: 1965

Date Range: 1965

Publication: Ames, lowa, U.S.A.: lowa State University Center for Agricultural and

Economic Development: the Iowa State University Press

Physical Description: ix, 224 p.: ill.; 22 cm

Notes: Includes bibliographical references and index
Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



The city man's guide to the farm problem

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections134

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Cochrane, Willard Wesley, 1914

Description Level: Item

Item Number: Archives 14-4-2
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-2

Responsibility: [by] Willard W. Cochrane

Start Date: 1966 Date Range: 1966

Publication: New York ; Toronto : McGraw-Hill Book Company

Physical Description: 242 p.; 20 cm

Notes: Bibliographical footnotes

Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States

United States Rural conditions

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



Agriculture in an interdependent world : U.S. and Canadian perspectives

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections120

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Warley, T. K. (Thorald Keith), 1930

Canadian-American Committee

Description Level: Item

Item Number:Archives 14-1-25Item Number Range:Archives 14-1-25Responsibility:by T.K. Warley

Start Date: 1977
Date Range: 1977

Publication: [Montreal] : Canadian-American Committee

Physical Description: x, 92 p.; 23 cm

Notes: Includes bibliographical references
Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects Canada

Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Agriculture and state Canada

Agriculture and state United States

Storage Location: Box 1-Agriculture I
Storage Range: Box 1-Agriculture I



Farms and farmers in an urban age

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections43

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Higbee, Edward Counselman, 1910

Description Level: Item

Item Number: HD 1761.H53

Archives 14-4-28

Item Number Range: HD 1761.H53

Archives 14-4-28

Responsibility: Edward C. Higbee

Start Date: 1963 Date Range: 1963

Publication: New York : Twentieth Century Fund

Physical Description: 183 p.: ill.; 23 cm

Notes: Includes bibliography

Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Rural-urban migration United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)



Agriculture in an unstable economy

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections44

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Schultz, Theodore William, 1902

Description Level: Item

Item Number: HD 1761.S27

Archives 14-4-18

Item Number Range: HD 1761.S27

Archives 14-4-18

Standard number: System Control Number 87055009

Responsibility: by Theodore W. Schultz

Start Date: 1945 Date Range: 1945

Publication: New York : McGraw-Hill

Publisher Series: Committee for Economic Development. Research study

Physical Description: xix, 299 p. : ill. ; 23 cm

Notes: Bibliographical foot-notes

Subject Access: Agriculture and state United States

Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)

Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)



Farmer in a business suit

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections156

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Davis, John Herbert, 1904

Hinshaw. Kenneth

Description Level: Item

Item Number: Archives 14-4-21
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-21

Responsibility: John H. Davis and Kenneth Hinshaw

Start Date: c1957 Date Range: c1957

Publication: New York : Simon and Schuster

Physical Description: 241 p.; 22 cm

Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



Roots in the earth: the small farmer looks ahead

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections259

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Waring, P. Alston (Pinckney Alston), 1895-1978

Teller, Walter Magnes

Description Level: Item

Item Number: Archives 14-11-19
Item Number Range: Archives 14-11-19

Responsibility: P. Alston Waring and Walter Magnes Teller; foreword by Louis Bromfield

Start Date: c1943 Date Range: c1943

Publication: New York ; London : Harper & Brothers Publishers

Physical Description: xiii, 202 p.: ill.; 21 cm

Notes: Includes index

Subject Access: Farms United States

Agriculture United States

Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Storage Location: Box 11 - Agriculture II
Storage Range: Box 11 - Agriculture II



Forward prices for agriculture

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections140

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator: Johnson, D. Gale (David Gale), 1916

Description Level: Item

Item Number:Archives 14-4-7Item Number Range:Archives 14-4-7Responsibility:by D. Gale Johnson

Start Date: c1947 Date Range: c1947

Publication: Chicago, III.: Univ. of Chicago Press

Physical Description: xiii, 259 p.; 24 cm

Notes: Includes bibliographical references

Subject Access: Prices United States

Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



The economics of cooperative marketing

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections241

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Bakken, Henry Harrison, 1896

Schaars, Marvin Arnold

Description Level: Item

Item Number: Archives 14-8-14
Item Number Range: Archives 14-8-14

Responsibility: by Henry H. Bakken and Marvin A. Schaars

Start Date: 1937 Date Range: 1937

Publication: New York ; London : McGraw Hill Book Company, inc

Physical Description: viii, 583 p.: ill.; 24 cm

Notes: Includes bibliographical reference and index

Subject Access: Agriculture

Cooperative United States
Agriculture Economic aspects

Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Agriculture cooperative credit associations United States

Farm produce Marketing

Storage Location: Box 8 - Historical IV & Cooperation II
Storage Range: Box 8 - Historical IV & Cooperation II



RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4351

Part Of: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds

Description Level: Fonds

GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1884-1992

Physical Description: 9.46 m textual records; 1919 photographs & graphics

History / Biographical:

Brandon, Manitoba was incorporated as a city in 1881. In 1882, led by Charles Whitehead and a small Board of Directors that included J.W. Vantassel, Charles Pilling, George Halse, J.E. Smith, William Johnson, R.T. Evans, and Thomas Lockhart, it was decided to hold an agricultural exhibition. These men were all involved in the farm business in one way or another, and they wanted an opportunity to help residents realize the agricultural potential of the region. In October of that year, the fledgling community held its first agricultural exhibition. The fair was held in downtown Brandon at what was known as "Market Square." Market Square was two acres of land located on Princess Avenue between Eighth and Ninth Streets. Due to poor weather, and the fact that not many people were ready to show animals and grain, there was a relatively small turnout. The following year was much improved. There were 730 entries into the exhibition. By 1884, the Board of Directors of the Brandon Agricultural Society, which was in

charge of the exhibition, realized that they were in poor financial shape, to the point of being personally out of pocket. It was realized that October was not the best time for farmers to be leaving their farms to go to an exhibition. In 1888, it was decided to move the exhibition to the summer time, when it was much easier for people to attend.

The first Brandon Summer Fair was held in July 1889, and it was a resounding success. The Board of Directors had added many items of interest to appeal to the entire public, not just agricultural people. In 1892, the Western Agricultural and Arts Association (WAAA) was formally established to take over duties from the Brandon Agricultural Society. However, it was not until 1897 that the WAAA held its first meeting. There is no explanation as to why there is a five year gap between the formation and the first meeting of this organization. 1897 was the turning point of the Brandon Exhibition. The fair was now firmly established in Brandon, and the Board of Directors was instrumental in ensuring that it remained so. This was done by petitioning to both the municipal and provincial governments for grant money. As well, the Board booked midway and grandstand acts that would bring the city dwellers to the agricultural exhibition.

There were also early attempts at holding an agricultural exhibition in the winter. The first such attempt was in 1884. There was also a Spring Stallion show held in 1891. By 1904, however, a petition by J.D. McGregor had gone out to formally establish a winter exhibition. This effort also failed, but by 1906, it was decided by businessmen, politicians, and farm representatives in Brandon, including McGregor, to organize a winter fair. Rather than seeing this new fair as competition, the Board of Directors of the summer fair felt that it would complement their exhibition. The new fair would remain primarily agricultural. The first winter fair was held in 1906. While the two fairs were not amalgamated, they did share the same secretary-manager. The secretary-manager was responsible for the day to day management of the fair, as well as keeping track of meetings and decisions reached by the various fair boards and committees. In 1907, the Brandon Winter Fair and Livestock Association (BWFLA) was formed to act primarily as a land-holding joint stock company. The following year the Provincial Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association (PWFFSA), an entirely separate organization from the BWFLA, was formed to manage the activities of the winter fair. The PWFFSA name was soon changed to the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association (MWFFSA).

By 1906, Brandon could boast two full size exhibitions, one in the summer and one in the late winter, both of which were considered to be premiere events. In 1908, the Brandon summer fair was renamed the Inter-Provincial Exhibition, and in 1912 it held it's first Traveller's Day, an event which would soon become an important addition to the fair and is still in existence today. It is thought that the name "Traveller's Day" came from the fact that it was held on a Saturday, a day when many people could travel to Brandon for the exhibition.

In 1913, Brandon was bestowed with the honour of hosting the Dominion Exhibition. This was a national exhibition sponsored by the federal government. It was held in a different city every year. There were several cities vying for the 1913 Dominion Exhibition, but it was Brandon that impressed the sponsors the most. With the government funds received for this honour, the Board of Directors supervised the building of a new grandstand, display buildings, and racetrack, as well as the general expansion and improvements to the fairgrounds.

In the spring of 1912, it was decided by the Board of Directors of the winter fair that the facilities they were currently housed in were inadequate for their needs. The mayor and city clerk of Brandon went to the provincial legislature in order to request that there be an amendment added to the Brandon city charter. This amendment would allow the city to guarantee bonds issued by the winter fair board to help pay for the construction of a new facility. This request was granted, and a \$70 000 addition was built next to the original winter fair building. The new building was opened in 1913.

Throughout the First World War, both the winter fair and Provincial Exhibition buildings were used for the war effort. There was one distinct difference however. The summer fair Board was

able to negotiate a deal with the army that enabled it to reclaim the fair buildings during fair week. The winter fair, however, had to give up the idea of holding fairs in 1915 and 1916. It was not until 1917, that the winter fair was able to resume.

During this time, due to the financial problems that had beset the winter fair, the two exhibitions considered amalgamation. The Board of Directors of the winter fair felt that because they were the smaller of the two fairs, their interests would be swallowed up by the summer fair. The winter fair withdrew from the negotiations to amalgamate. With this rather sudden turn of events, the Board of Directors of the summer fair petitioned the government to be allowed to incorporate. This was granted, and in 1920, the WAAA was incorporated as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. From 1920, the summer fair was officially known as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. This was the first time that the summer fair was incorporated, and received the "status and financial assistance" that came with incorporation.

More problems beset the winter fair in the 1920s. In 1920, a fire burned down the winter fair pavilion, located at the south end of the winter fair buildings, and caused the Board to cancel the 1921 winter fair. It was not until 1922, that a new building was completed. By 1929, both fairs were well regarded throughout Canada. In 1929, a decade long Depression hit the west. While many fairs closed during this time, Brandon struggled to keep its open. The Directors of both fairs felt that the agricultural shows "encouraged excellence at a time when faith and enthusiasm were at a low ebb." The summer fair proved to be quite successful during the Depression, likely as a result of the few moments one was able to forget one's troubles while there. The winter fair was not quite as successful, although both fairs received government grants and work relief projects. There was little new entertainment in these exhibitions.

There were changes about to manifest themselves at the summer fair, however. While the winter fair had representatives from various associations on its Board of Directors, the summer fair Board of Directors was a small close-knit group of men. Citizens saw entry into this elite group as elusive and difficult. To ward off the possibility of the Board becoming a "self-sustaining clique," that only chose Directors from within, it was decided by several citizens to try and elect some new blood into the fair Board. In 1933, there was a general election for the Board. Instead of the usual men shuffling positions, there were forty-four nominations for the twenty positions. When the voting was all over, seven new men sat on the Board. Despite some inner rumblings, especially on the summer fair Board over the next few years, both exhibitions survived the Depression.

During the Second World War the fairs once again were forced to operate under adversity. Once again, the buildings were requisitioned for the army, although they were released during fair week. The summer fair was forced to make several concessions, and the winter fair was relocated to the summer fair grounds for the duration.

The winter fair did not survive the Second World War intact. Due to financial reasons, in December of 1945, the Board of Directors turned the winter fair buildings over to the City of Brandon. By 1946, the BWFLA, which was the joint-stock land holding company, had ceased operations because the city now controlled the winter fair land and buildings.

The next fifteen years would be a time of rebuilding for both of Brandon's exhibitions. Children especially were more active participants in the agricultural exhibitions. The summer fair continued to diversify and look for new ways of entertaining the public at large. The winter fair remained primarily agricultural. By the end of the 1950s the winter fair, which was used to struggling, was now both successful and stable; and the summer fair, a perennial success, was starting to fade.

By 1969, both the winter and summer fair Boards had realized that amalgamation was the best possible decision, both practically and financially, for the future of the two fairs. On 29 October, 1969, the two exhibitions amalgamated to become the Manitoba Exhibition Association. The reconstituted Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba was now responsible for both the winter and

summer fairs. A new building was erected on the summer fair grounds to house both of the exhibitions. On 2 April 1973, the Keystone Centre was officially opened at the winter fair,

although it had been in use since October of the preceding year.

In 1970, Manitoba's Centennial, it was decided that an organization in Manitoba would receive the title of "Royal," as a way to celebrate the centennial. Although many organizations applied for the honour, it was the Brandon winter fair that received the accolades. The winter fair was bestowed with the title "Royal", and became known as the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

In 1975, a third exhibition was added, this time a purely agricultural fall show known as the Agricultural Exhibition, or AgEx. This fair was partly organized on behalf of the cattle growers, who found that the summer and winter fairs did not give them adequate time and space to properly show their cattle. The return to a fall show, which had not existed since 1888, would be the return to a purely agricultural exhibition. This show was to be primarily a show and sale event. On 3 November 1975, the first AgEx was opened to resounding success.

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and AgEx are all still in existence in Brandon. They are regarded as three of the most important events to take place annually in the city.

Custodial History:

These files were housed with the Manitoba Exhibition Association until c1986 when they were transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of textual records and photographs comprised of the records from the three annual exhibitions that are held in Brandon, Manitoba: the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, and the Agricultural Exhibition (Ag-Ex). The textual records include prize lists, programs, minutes, financial, administrative files, original results, scrapbooks, tickets, news releases, contracts, by laws, documents as well as a miscellaneous section. There are approximately 1846 photographs that include scenes from these three exhibitions. These records provide a unique perspective on the development of agriculture and rural life in southwestern Manitoba. Fairs such as these have been and remain prime media of farm improvement, technological and scientific advancement in rural Canada, and the promoters of country living. These fairs also reflected the long tradition inherited from Britain and Europe of country fairs as centers of entertainment, social interchange and diversion. These records are a principal source of information about the most broadly based vocational, entertainment and social events held on an annual basis in southwestern Manitoba over the last century. The records are vital to academic research on agriculture or fairs, individual biography, or community history.

Notes: The RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association finding aid was

created by Karyn (Riedel) Taylor with the exception of Series 9 and the accompanying database, which were created by Donica Belisle. This

finding aid was created in August 1999.

Name Access: Charles Whitehead

J.W. Vantassel Charles Pilling George Halse

Subject Access: Brandon Agricultural Society

Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

Agricultural Exhibition

Brandon Manitoba

AgEx

Repro Restriction: Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright

restrictions.

Finding Aid: Available

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds
Storage Range: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds

Related Material: Additional records regarding the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, the

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, and AgEx are housed at the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association offices. To gain access to these records, it is necessary to contact the general manager of the Provincial

Exhibition of Manitoba Association.

Arrangement:

The fonds is divided into sous-fonds by exhibition. There is a Provincial Exhibition sous-fonds, a Royal Manitoba Winter Fair sous-fonds, an Ag-Ex sous-fonds, and a Miscellaneous sous-fonds that holds information that could not be easily broken down into one exhibition. The arrangement is as follows:

RG 2 Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba fonds

RG2SF1 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

- 1.1 Documents
- 1.2 Minutes
- 1.3 Financial Records
- 1.4 Administrative Files
- 1.5 Prize Lists and Programs
- 1.6 News Releases
- 1.7 Original Results
- 1.8 Tickets
- 1.9 Photographs
- 1.10 Scrapbooks
- 1.11 Miscellaneous

RG2SF2 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

- 2.1 Documents
- 2.2 Minutes
- 2.3 Financial Records
- 2.4 Administrative Files
- 2.5 Prize Lists and Programs
- 2.6 News Releases
- 2.7 Original Results
- 2.8 Tickets
- 2.9 Photographs
- 2.10 Scrapbooks
- 2.11 Miscellaneous

RG2SF3 AgEx

- 3.4 Administrative Files
- 3.5 Prize Lists and Programs
- 3.6 News Releases
- 3.7 Original Results
- 3.9 Photographs

RG2SF4 Miscellaneous

- 4.1 Documents
- 4.2 Minutes
- 4.3 Financial Records
- 4.4 Administrative Files
- 4.9 Photographs
- 4.10 Scrapbooks
- 4.11 Miscellaneous

RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

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Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Fonds
Fonds Number: RG 5

GMD: multiple media

History / Biographical:

This record group was artifically created in January 2007 by Tom Mitchell and Christy Henry of the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

The record group consists of various fonds and collections concerned with the political, cultural, social, and educational life of western Manitoba. See the Subject Access field for a list of titles.

Notes: Description written by Christy Henry (2007).

Subject Access: Joseph H. Hughes

Canadian Federation of University Women

Verna Gamey

Brandon Cinema Club

Birtle Indian Residential School

Brandon Assisted Passage Association

Binscarth Women's Institute Griswold School District

Manitoba School Trustees Regional Association

Riverbank/Berbank Red Cross

A.C. Miller

C.J. Barnes

David Sommerville Charleson

Southwest A Region Manitoba Women's Institute

Berbank Ladies Aid

Berbank Church

Blyth Protestant School District #471

Crown Protestant School District #184

Ward Watson

Laurie V. Smith

Marion Doig

Elm Creek/Wingham Branch United Farmers of Manitoba

Roseland Church

Fairfax United Church

Humesville & Forrest Women's Missionary Society

Chater Protestant School District

William Wallace

United Grain Growers

G.R. Rowe

Cecil Herbert Edward Johnston

Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium

Brandon Art Club

James Duncan McGregor

Stephan Adolph Magnacca

Harry "Hap" Fraser

Leslie Victor Robson

Bertha School District #861

Manitoba Genealogical Society

Brandon Golf & Country Club

Keystone Centre Development and Construction

Manitoba Elevator Company

B.J. Hales

Brandon Council of Women

Westman Oral History

Mildred (Mollie) Kellet

Gerald McKinney

Janet Donnelly

Minnedosa OddFellows

Basswood OddFellows

Archibald E. Wilson

Audrey Silvius

Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir

Lawrence Stuckey

Minnedosa Women's Institute

Clanwilliam Women's Institute

Cordova Women's Institute

Crocus Women's Institute

Rathwell Women's Institute

Strathclair Women's Institute

Manitoba Women's Institute

Brandon Business & Professional Women's Club

Minnedosa Business & Professional Women's Club

Neepawa Business & Professional Women's Club

Brandon Women's Musical Club

International Toastmistress Club - Land O'Lakes Region

Fred McGuinness

Reg Forbes

Jack Stothard

Janet Louisa May More

William J. Birtles

Ruby Miles

Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Brandon & District Labour Council (CLC)

Westman Multi-Cultural Council

Westman Coalition on Equality Rights

Martin Kavanagh

James Buckley

James Douglas Wall

Brandon Women's Institute

Trilliam Business & Professional Women's Club

Westridge Senior Citizens

Kodaly in Manitoba

WARUCC - Western Association of Registrars of the Universities and

Colleges of Canada

Margaret Laurence Endowment

Douglas Women's Institute

Albert Angus Murray McPherson

Edward Walker

Alexander MacPhail

Inventory of Archival Material in Western Manitoba Project

Greenway Fair

Brandon Hills Busy Bees

Prairie Horizons Toastmistress Club

Grand Valley School District #206

Douglas Brolund

Norma Laird

Brandon Square Dancing Club

Tully McKenzie

Basswood School District

Anna Enns

Frank Robb

Bankburn School District

John Crawford

J.C. Cousins

William Ridley Sheridan Wade

Mary Schwalm

Robert (Bert) Lane

Ross Hume

Quincy H. Martinson

Helen Dutka

Dorothy Frances Davidson

Brandon Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club

Brandon Folk, Music & Art Society, Inc.

Baker family

Brandon Daily Sun microfilm

Western Manitoba Home Economic Association

Hubert Weidenhamer

Len Evans

Henry Hlady

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Westman Recycling Council

Herbert Goodland

Storage Location: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

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Arrangement:

The fonds and collections in RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript collection have been arranged primarily by accession number.