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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Dauphin Agricultural Society was established in 1892. Its goals have always been to promote all facets of agriculture in the Dauphin region, as well as encourage area youth to know and love agricultural pursuits. These goals are promoted through its annual Dauphin Fair.

The first Dauphin Fair was held in 1897 and grew substantially from year to year. The first Seed Grain Show was a part of the 1906 fair. In 1907, horse racing was added to the festivities as well as a sports program. In 1909, school exhibits were instituted. The Society assisted in the construction of exhibition facilities including midway and grandstand attractions.

The annual fair continued to add other activities such as a dressed poultry show in 1913. In 1919, the Dauphin Agricultural Society joined the Manitoba Agricultural Fairs Association and then the Canadian Trotting Association upon its establishment. The Society was previously a member of the American Trotting Association. The Society became economically challenged in the 1920s following its rapid expansion program, but Dauphin town and rural councils came to the Society's aid in 1922 when it assumed the Society's mortgage debt and other liabilities in return for the property assets. The financial situation of the Dauphin Agricultural Society greatly improved following this measure.

With its financial situation somewhat improved, the Dauphin Agricultural Society expanded its programs. In 1933, the first agricultural representative for Dauphin was elected and supported by the Agricultural Society. In 1937, crop competitions were added and a rural youth training plan committee was introduced. Around 1950, the directorate of the Dauphin Agricultural Society decided to improve the fair facilities so that it could accommodate larger crowds. With federal and local government assistance, the Society moved its facilities to a new location at the Dauphin Memorial and Community Centre site. An arena and curling rink were built, in part, to house fair exhibitions.

Throughout the years, the Summer Fair continued to expand. The youth training program was a great success. A Home Economist was acquired in 1951 when the extension service realized that the girls'

program for 4-H clubs required a full-time supervisor. That same year, a Seed Grain show was held in conjunction with the Short Course, adding to it the very popular Bacon Carcass Show. In 1966, a Youth Leadership course replaced the Short Course. A Sheep and Swine Show and Sale was added to the Society's programs in 1954. It became an annual event until a dearth of entries caused its cancellation in 1969.

From 1957 to 1960, the Dauphin Agricultural Society presented the Manitoba Shorthorn regional show, the Hereford regional show, and the sheep regional show. The 4-H Regional Rally became one of the most popular of the Society's programs. Dauphin Fairs began to take on a more western flare in 1964 with the introduction of Rodeo programs, western breakfasts, western horse racing, chuckwagon races, horseshoe tournaments, and a western orchestra.

Custodial history

The material was donated to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections by the Dauphin Agricultural Society in 1996.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of ledgers, cash books, minute books, cheque journals, auditors reports, and account books of the Dauphin Agricultural Society and associated agricultural clubs.

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Title notes

Arrangement

This collection has yet to be arranged.

Conditions governing use

There are no restrictions on this material.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions**Dauphin Agricultural Society File Listing, 1904-1993**

Physical description: (4 Boxes)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Minute Book, 1904-1918			1 1
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	Otherlevel - Minute Book and Associated Material, 1947-1974			1 7
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	Otherlevel - Minute Book, 1965-1976			1 10
	Otherlevel - Auditor's Report, 1993			2 1
	Otherlevel - Financial Statements, 1976			2 2
	Otherlevel - Rural Women Account Book, n.d.			2 3
	Otherlevel - Intensive Crop Management Club Account Book, 1985-1986			2 4
	Otherlevel - I.C.M. Club Account Book, 1990-1991			2 5
	Otherlevel - I.C.M. Club Account Book, 1991-1993			2 6
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	Otherlevel - Cash Book, 1970-1973	3 12
	Otherlevel - Minute Book, 1924-1930	4 1
	Otherlevel - Cash Book, 1986-1988	4 2
	Otherlevel - Cash Book, 1991-1992	4 3
	Otherlevel - Cash Book, 1989-1990	4 4
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	Otherlevel - Cheque Journal, 1972-1977	4 6
	Otherlevel - Agricultural Society Journal Sheets, 1951-1959	4 7
	Otherlevel - Cash Book, 1947-1949	4 8