



Plowing Match, 1911. In June of 1911, the first plowing match was held. Prizes were awarded and it saw a very good attendance. Scenes like the one above were evident.

through the hall. A guest speaker spoke on the "Evaluation of Farming".

It was this same year that a Good Farming Competition was organized with a committee setting up a point system for judging. The system set up had a possible score of one hundred and included the Best Kept Roadside-one-half mile front.

Summerfallow competitions were also held and the land used increased to a ten acre block in 1920. All these competitions carried on for years with great success.

It wasn't until the year 1929 that the directors had a board of twelve active directors. They certainly showed interest and determination in making the work of the society progress and be of a benefit to their agricultural area.

In the 1930's when times were hard the money collected at food booths was given to the Town for relief committee use. Vegetables were collected and taken out to help in the drought areas. The directors were given great credit for their continued work in this time of depression.

They showed their determination and devotion to the business of making improvements in their motion which they presented to the Town expressing their desire to have electrification extended to the south half of the municipality of Rockwood. They requested the Town of Stonewall to do all in their power to facilitate the extension of the Manitoba Power Commission to this part of the municipality. They also felt the agricultural business and community life in this part of the municipality was severely handi-

capped for some months each year by lack of an east and west road that could be kept open during winter months and requested the Rural Municipality of Rockwood council to give serious consideration to building a good road.

Fair days have been in June since 1948 and each year the third Friday and Saturday sees this annual event carried on. From 1939 to 1949 joint fairs were held with Warren and both groups of directors worked together for this show. Membership in the society was raised to One dollar in 1946 and today one dollar still gives you a membership in this society.

In the 1950's there was a great interest in short courses again. They were carried out on a three day basis and the last day the ladies had a program of their own. Large attendances were noted proving the interest of the community in the several topics that were discussed. The **75th Anniversary** was a great year. A film committee had prepared a story of the years gone by and had it complete by the fall of 55. The 75th year saw a good fair with a large parade, fireworks, and a great celebration took place that included some special events and extra entertainment.

In the 60's the Holstein Friesen Dairy Show came to Stonewall as a yearly event. There was much interest also in the swine and dairy classes. Dairy product classes were offered and prize lists included classes for crocks of butter, sweet cream and white and brown eggs.

In the 70's there was a scare that the "C" class fairs could be folding and this brought the Chamber