'Northwestern Minnesota is doing a fine piece of constructive development work through the annual Winter Crop and Livestock Shows at Crookston, in connection with Farmers' Week and Women's meetings at the Northwest School of Agriculture. Probably no single agency has done as much to arouse and foster interest in a more diversified and properly balanced type of farming in the Red River Valley.'

'The writer's visit to the show and meetings at Crookston last week was his first visit in four years. The expansion of the show during that period has been steady, and significant of the change which is gradually taking place in the agriculture of that territory. The show reflects the trend toward better breeding and better conditioning of the livestock exhibited, and toward a constant improvement in the quality of grains and grasses produced in the Valley.'

'It was sixteen years ago that the first of these winter shows was held at Crookston. Starting in a small way to develop the right type of farming for that territory, it has spread out until it commands attention of farmers far beyond the confines of the Red River Valley. Last week, for instance, there were stock judging teams from four other Minnesota agricultural schools, Manitoba and North Dakota, and breeders present from all parts of the state.

'Increased acreages of alfalfa, sweet clover, corn, the development of a sugar beet industry that promises to grow in importance, and an astonishing development of the dairy, sheep, and swine industry are some of the indirect results of Red River Valley Shows and meetings. Directing this promotional work all these years has been C. G. Selvig, superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, recently elected to Congress from that district. At all meetings last week, praise of Mr. Selvig's leadership was sung by all those who know him. 'But, let it be understood that I am not responsible for the success and development of these shows,' he modestly said at a meeting attended by business men and farmers from all over the Valley. 'Success has come through the finest type of cooperation from people living in all the thirteen counties comprising the Minnesota Red River Valley. They have contributed their time and their money. And don't forget that the county boards in each county are giving from $75 to $500 each to this show, that the Legislature is allowing appropriations now totaling $5,700, all of which goes to provide the premiums which encourage our farmers to produce finer and finer exhibits. Business men and farmers of the Valley have also invested $73,000 in buildings, against which there is an indebtedness of only $8,000.'