

ENTRIES.

The entries made on forms provided for that purpose must be in the hands of the secretaries of the agricultural societies of the counties in which the competitors reside before the 15th May next. These blanks will contain a certain number of questions, for the information of the Judges, to which the competitors are requested to reply.

The secretaries of the agricultural societies will forward the entries received by them to the secretary of the Council of agriculture on or before the 1st June next and no entry will be received after that date.

PROGRAMME.

DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION, AND BASIS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF POINTS.

<i>Points common to all competitors :</i>	Number of points.
1. System of cultivation best suited to the soil and circumstances.....	4.
2. Division of the farm into fields .....	2.
3. Fences .....	4.
4. Destruction of weeds.....	3.
5. House and buildings.....	9.
6. Agricultural tools and implements.....	5.
7. Manure .....	5.
8. The greatest degree of order of method and of carefulness, as exemplified by the working of the farm as a whole and in the condition of each part individually.....	5.
9. Accounts—expenditure and profit.....	3.

*Points, subject to modification according to the different (cases).*

10. <i>Permanent improvements</i> , in relation to the peculiar circumstances of each farm ( <i>the apportionment of these points is left to the discretion of the Judges</i> ), such as: the clearing off and utilisation of stones, levelling, straightening of water-courses, drainage and water-furrowing, ditches, cross-furrows, so- <i>improvements (amendements du sol)</i> , such as: clay on sand and sand on clay soils, turf, ashes, &c., ploughing-in green-crops, shelter for cattle, plantations of forest-trees, for shelter and other purposes, condition of and improvements in the sugary, where there are maple-groves, economical and handy watering places, siloes, state of the roads on the competitor's farm, and any other profitable improvement .....	15.
11. <i>Live Stock</i> , race, breed, quality, number, adaptation to the soil, climate, markets, and to other circumstances that should guide the intelligent farmer in his selection, (under this head are included horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, &c.) .....	15.
12. <i>State of cultivation of</i> : grain, meadows, pastures, green-crops, hoed-crops, orchards, gardens, small-fruits, &c. ( <i>apportionment of these points is left to the discretion of the Judges</i> ).....	30.
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OBSERVATIONS ON THE PROGRAMME.

In their decisions, the Judges will be guided by the perfection of the cultivation, whatever may be the quality of the soil, the course of cropping, or the system of improvement pursued. They will endeavour to ascertain how far the com-

petitor may serve as a *model or example*, by the way in which he works his farm, without exhausting it, and at the least expense compared with the net profit he derives from it.

In judging the buildings, the Judges shall begin with the farm-house, its situation, the precautions taken to secure its healthiness, drainage, ventilation, water supply &c., &c.

Not only shall the barn, the stables and cow-stalls, the piggery, sheep-hed, &c., be carefully inspected, but special attention shall be paid to the dairy, the poultry-house, the ice-house, &c. In this inspection, as well as in that of the farm-implements and tools, the Judges shall take particular notice of any improvement or useful novelty they may find, and give such a description of it in their report, that any one who chooses may make a trial of it and apply it to his own benefit, at home. At their discretion, the Judges shall grant a number of points, in proportion to the importance of the said improvements and novelties, which points may be taken from the remainder of the points mentioned in the programme, not previously appropriated.

In their apportionment of the points, the Judges shall take into consideration, not only the more important operations of agriculture, but the details: butter, cheese, poultry-rearing, bees, domestic productions, &c.; and shall consider, as far as possible, if these specialties are well suited to the circumstances of the competitor, and are of such a nature as to assure him a genuine profit.

The Judges shall ascertain if every thing they are called upon to inspect on a farm, such as animals, implements, &c., really belongs to the farm in question, and forms part of its genuine stock.

**WEEDS.**—When the Judges shall note any instance of *serious negligence*, on the part of a competitor, in contending against the growth of weeds, not only shall they refuse to grant any of the points assigned in the programme to the item: "Destruction of Weeds"; but, furthermore, they shall deduct a certain number of points, not exceeding *five*, from the points given by them for other matters, and they shall make special mention of this in their report.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS IN MAKING THEIR ENTRIES.

The competitor shall give:

- (a) his name and Christian names in full;
- (b) his place of residence, his parish (or township), range (or concession);
- (c) his post-office;
- (d) the size of the farm, for which he desires to compete, its acreage and situation;
- (e) its distance from the nearest railroad station or steam-boat wharf;
- (f) he shall also state whether he occupies the said farm as owner, tenant, or farmer, and shall give the amount of the municipal valuation of the farm;
- (g) he shall give a detailed list of his stock kept and supported on the said farm for which he competes, mentioning the number of horses, colts, milch-cows, butchers' beasts, bulls, young animals, sheep, pigs, &c., showing, as far as possible, the breeds to which they belong;
- (h) he shall state fully the system of cultivation he pursues;
- (i) he shall state if he buys manure, and if so, how many one-horse loads a year; or if he buys lime, plaster, or other commercial fertilisers, how much and at what price.
- (k) he shall give the quantities of the different grains, fodder, potatoes, vegetables, &c., he grew last year.

The form of entrance, which will be sent to the competitors by the secretary of the agricultural society to which they