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- 1.—No award will be made unless one essay at least comes up to the standard for publication.
- 2.—The essays will be judged by the ideas, arguments, conciseness and conformity with the subject, and not by the grammar, punctuation or spelling, our object being to encourage farmers who have enjoyed few educational advantages.
- 3.—Should one or more essays, in addition to the one receiving the first prize, present a different view of the question, a second prize will be awarded, but the payment will be in agricultural books. First prize essayists may choose books or money, or part of both. Selections of books from our advertised list must be sent in not later than the 15th of the month in which the essays appear. Second prize essayists may order books for any amount not exceeding \$3.00, but no balance will be remitted in cash. When first prize essayists mention nothing about books, we will remit the money.

A prize of \$5 has been awarded to D. Leitch for the best original essay on *Is Hog Raising Profitable in Canada? What is the Most Economical System of Feeding and General Management? What is the Future Outlook.*

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best original essay on *The Best, Simplest and Easiest Form of Book-keeping for Farmers?* Essays to be handed in not later than Sept. 15th.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best original essay on *The most Economical and Profitable Management of Fowl?* Essays to be handed in not later than October 15th.

PRIZES, PRIZES!—Send for sample copies of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE and commence your canvassing for some of the Live Stock and Implement prizes. This is a great opportunity. All who work will be well paid.

Editorial.

Our Prize List.

We again call the attention of our readers to the very liberal prizes of live stock, farm implements, etc., which we give to those obtaining new subscribers. The animals which we have advertised are all first-class, and are bred by reliable breeders. We can heartily recommend them.

Besides those advertised we have made such arrangements that we can supply almost an unlimited number of pure-bred beasts as prizes. We have taken this step to encourage the general farmer to improve his native stock, as well as to open up new markets for the breeders. As our circulation is very large and we intend to push our prizes, we are sure our present action will have this effect. All those who have no pure-bred breeding stock at present, especially in regions where there are no breeders, and those who have pure-bred stock but desire to introduce new blood, will find in our prize list an excellent opportunity. The breeders of all the animals we offer guarantee that they will give satisfaction, and are, as they are represented to be, first-class. The additional animals which we offer will all be well bred, but will vary in quality and age according to the number of subscribers required to obtain them. Every farmer or any member of his family can obtain a prize, and all will be greatly benefitted by the introduction and use of pure-bred stock in their herds or flocks. We have received enquiries from those wishing to obtain prizes how to proceed. If you have no pure bred stock first determine from your surroundings and requirements which would be the most suitable breed for you to obtain. Then, if you desire a bull, canvass your neighbors for subscriptions to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. Do not give the paper for less than \$1 per year, but when the cash is given you, you may give the subscriber the remainder of this year and 1889 for \$1. In canvassing we would think it advisable in some cases to allow some of those subscribing an advantage in the service of the bull. Give such favors especially to those who assist you in getting up clubs; for instance, if your neighbor assists you in getting ten names give him the use of your bull on two occasions free, or be more liberal if you so desire, or reduce the regular price of service to him. In some cases you may find it a wise policy to do this in order to get some men to subscribe. Two or more may unite in canvassing for any one prize, or agricultural or other societies may obtain any prize by sending in the required number of names. Any of our subscribers may have the prizes awarded

them at any time by guaranteeing us the required number of names: in such cases we will allow them until the first of January to send in the names for the sheep, pig or poultry prizes, and until the first of March for the cattle prizes, but this shall in no way interfere with our regular prizes, for as soon as a prize is won or awarded, we will withdraw it from our prize list in all cases where we cannot satisfactory duplicate it from the same flock or herd.

We intend that no one shall work for nothing. In cases where they do not obtain a prize we will allow them a liberal cash commission. Farmers' sons and daughters can make more money in their spare time canvassing for us than in any other way, and at the same time benefit their neighbors. Read our prize list through; it will be found in our advertising columns. Additions and changes have been made since our last issue. See the conditions, etc.

Let Us Pull Together.

The ADVOCATE is essentially Canadian, and is, therefore, better suited to the wants of the Canadian farmer than a foreign paper. It has a very large circulation extending from Halifax on the Atlantic to Victoria on the Pacific Coast. It is independent in politics; its object in every case is to benefit the farmer and his family for this purpose; it has ever been on the alert since its first issue in 1866. Its editor and proprietor is a farmer of wide experience, who is ably assisted by talented and practical writers in all the various departments, viz., Agriculture, Dairying, Stock-raising, Poultry, Apiary, Veterinary and Horticulture in all its branches. Special attention is given to all market questions and financial matters affecting the farmer. During the past year, we have published articles written by the best American and European authorities—always rejecting those that were not of a thoroughly practical and useful nature. In this way we have heretofore made our paper of great value to our readers; but we are now completing arrangements whereby we will have direct communication with all the Canadian, American, and British Experimental Stations, whereby we can give the result of their labors whenever they are of value to Canadian farmers shortly after they have been concluded. This will be a great advantage to our readers, especially in regards to new varieties of grain, vegetables, etc.

The number of our special contributors will also be added to. Special contributions will be received from various parts of the United States, the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, the Northwest, British Columbia and Great Britain. Many of these contributions will be monthly, and will