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Parties wishing to buy or sell pure bred Canadian cattle will find it advantageous to apply to

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TO FARMERS.

Such are the conditions of this competition, that no industrious farmer need hesitate to compete for fear that his want of means should prevent him from contending with competitors more favoured in this respect than himself. The Judges

will have to distinguish, as their principal duty, those who make the best of their farms, without exhausting them, at the least outlay compared with the net profit they derive from them.

True merit and industry, not wealth, will insure success. A diploma and a silver medal will be awarded to those who obtain the degree of: *Very great Merit*, that is, 85 points out of 100 assigned to perfect cultivation.

A diploma and a bronze medal for the degree of: *Great Merit*, i. e. 75 points out of 100.

A diploma for the degree of: *Merit*, i. e. 65 points out of the 100.

For the purposes of this competition, the province has been divided into five agricultural regions, and the competition will be held this year in the region of Montreal, comprising the following counties:

Jacques-Cartier, Hochelaga, Laval, Deux-Montagnes, Soulanges, Vaudreuil, and that part of the counties of Argenteuil and Terrebonne containing the parishes and townships not included in the Laurentides.

COMPETITORS.

Shall be allowed to compete:

Those who have won prizes in the county or county divisions competition's for the best cultivated farms.

In all cases, the competitor must cultivate, whether as proprietor or as tenant, a farm of which at least *sixty arpents* in superficies shall be under cultivation, whether in hay, pasture, garden-crops, vegetables, orchard, small fruits, &c., &c.