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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 J. W. Bartlett for the best original essay on *The most Economical and Profitable Management of Fowl*.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best original essay: *Showing the Benefit Which has been Derived from the Various Specific Associations, Such as The Dairymen's, Horticultural, The Poultry Keepers', etc., etc. How Can These be Made Most Beneficial in the Future? Are Other Societies Needed?* Essays to be handed in not later than Nov. 15th.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *The most Economical and Healthful System of Feeding Farm Horses, including Working Animals, Brood Mares and Growing Colts*. All essays must be handed in not later than the 15th of December.

Active agents wanted in every locality, to obtain new subscribers to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. Send for sample copies, and commence canvassing at once.

Editorial.

Our Subscription Prizes.

A great many of our small prizes have been awarded; still we can go on duplicating them. Our stock and poultry prizes, as well as our implements, are giving first-rate satisfaction. We did not for a moment suppose it could be otherwise, as all our stock prizes were obtained from reliable and experienced breeders, with the distinct understanding that the stock was to be first-rate both in quality and breeding. Our own long experience in breeding, and intimate intercourse with the breeders of all classes of pure-bred stock, enabled us to make most judicious selections. The first prize awarded was a light Brahma cock to Arthur F. Misener, of Troy, who writes us as follows:—"I received the bird in good condition, and am well pleased with him." The next prize was a Shropshire ram lamb, bred by Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., and won by Robt. Gammell, Upper Stewiacke, N. S., who writes us:—"I received the ram in good condition; he is a model Shropshire; * * * he has been awarded a special prize at the Truro Exhibition. When canvassing I met a man who wanted a Clydesdale stud colt. He saw Mr. Rennie's advertisement in the ADVOCATE, and asked if I knew any other reliable breeder. Whom can you recommend?" We would refer this gentleman, as well as all others, to our advertising columns.

Mr. Rennie has good Clydesdales, so has Mr. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont.; Mr. David Birrell, of the same place; Messrs. Jeffrey Bros., Whitby, Ont.; Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont; John Miller, Brougham, Ont., and others. By reading the ADVOCATE carefully you will soon find the best, either in this or other lines. Just as we go to press we have received from Messrs. John Miller & Sons two Shropshire lambs, which we have just awarded to a leading breeder in Western Ontario. They are a nice pair, and will do good where they have gone. Mr. Miller writes us as follows concerning them:—"We have shipped you the two lambs; they are good, and fit to head any flock. They are eligible to be recorded. Their pedigrees will be forwarded at once." Those who have not read our prize list, should do so. As long as the advertisements of any breeder remain, we will duplicate the prizes, if already awarded. In all prizes sent out we will guarantee satisfaction to the receiver. Our supplementary prizes will also be good. The bulls which we offer are extra value, and given cheaper than they could be bought from their breeders. We would also direct the attention of our readers to our Berkshire and implement prizes, which we are sure will give splendid satisfaction.

Those wishing to canvass or obtain prizes should write us for full particulars. Every possible advantage will be given to those who wish to obtain these prizes. All articles calling for 30 to 50 new names may be divided thus:—30 new names for one year, or 15 new names prepaid for two years, and any number up to 50 may be thus divided; above 50 to 100 may be divided by three, thus, an article calling for 60 new names may be won by the 60 new names prepaid for one year, or 20 new names prepaid for three years. Articles calling for 100 to 200 new names, may be divided by four, thus, 50 new names prepaid for four years, or 100 prepaid for two years, or 200 prepaid for one year. This system may be carried out with prizes requiring names between 100 to 200. This plan will be found of great value in the newer sections of the country. Sample copies and all necessary outfit will be furnished on application to all who desire to canvass. We have offered these prizes with the especial object in view of benefiting the farmers, by making it easy to obtain first-class stock for breeding purposes, and at the same time giving every subscriber to the ADVOCATE splendid value for his dollar. No other paper in the Dominion gives as good value for twice the money. During the winter and spring months we intend to introduce among our subscribers several new and promising kinds of grain, vegetable and flower seeds, full particulars of which will be given later.

The Price of Apples.

In some parts of Canada prime winter apples have been purchased at 75 cents per barrel. Perhaps the average price may have been \$1. The fruit growers in New York State have become so exasperated at the tricks and devices of middlemen, that a large meeting has been held, and plans are being arranged by which they hope, by uniting and erecting proper store-houses, to realize one-half more for their apples than they are now receiving. Those that have suitable storage will, we believe, realize much higher figures than the present rates. Canadian apple growers should organize for their protection. The Canadian cheese market has been so manipulated this year by the bulls and bears, that factorymen are devising plans whereby the patrons and cheesemakers may not be so much injured in the future as they have been this year. We shall be pleased to report progress in their undertakings.

The friends of the ADVOCATE can always find much useful and important matter in each issue; to which they can call the attention of those who should subscribe for it.

If some of the leading farmers in your section do not get the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, induce them at once to take it for one year, and they will never be without it.