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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 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.

Our prize of \$5 has been awarded to Mr. S. A. Laidman, Binbrook, Ont., for the best essay on *The Management of Agricultural Exhibitions.*

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *What Steps Should be Taken to Improve the Quality of Milk delivered at Cheese Factories.* Essay to be in this office by the 10th of December.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *The Cost of Rearing a Sheep to the Age of Twelve Months, Eighteen Months, and Two Years Old Respectively, and the Profit Realized at the Various Ages.* Essay to be in this office by the 10th of January.

We want Good, Live AGENTS to canvass for the "Farmer's Advocate" in every locality in the Dominion and United States. Sample copies and subscription blanks free to canvassers who mean business.

Editorial.

1889 and 1890.

This number completes the Twenty-fourth Volume and last issue for this year. It may be well to scan briefly the past and look anticipatively into the future. Peace and plenty bless our land; health, happiness and prosperity prevail in our country; our agriculturists are quite as prosperous as in any country we have visited or heard of; the crops have been fair in some parts, unusually good in others, yet in some almost a total failure. Prices of some products have been rather low and a few others highly remunerative. Farmers are credited for being proverbial complainers. In many ways they have our strongest sympathy, as their complaints are just in regard to greater burdens that are forced upon them by every body of monopolists. Legislators have not looked after the interests of agriculturists as much as they should have done. Farmers themselves are greatly to blame for this, because they will not unite and protect their interests, but will be blindly led by partyism in too many cases.

OUR MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN EDITION.

We are pleased to inform you that despite the attempts made by those who are opposed to your interest to place the **ADVOCATE** in a false position, it has increased in circulation to a greater extent during the past year than for many previous years. Such has been its progress that we are enabled to concede to the request of our prairie farmers, and establish a branch in Winnipeg under the title of the **MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST EDITION** of the **FARMER'S ADVOCATE.**

One of our sons has been in the Northwest preparing for this during the past summer, our associate editor spent two months there, and at the present time one of our sons and an associate editor are in Winnipeg preparing for the first number, which will be issued in January. This we look on as the greatest step of advancement we have made in any year. It will necessitate the expenditure of many thousands of dollars; yet we cheerfully comply with the call made, knowing that we have so many real friends, —friends that know what the **ADVOCATE** has done and is doing. But few know the difficulties we have had to contend against, nor the dark natures, plans and devices of the opponents to your prosperity; but the **ADVOCATE** has been, and is, true to its name.

In making this departure we hope to do more good to you all, and believe we have the hearty good wishes of thousands.

We thank our old subscribers for their annual renewals of their confidence for the past twenty-four years; we thank all for their kind words and acts. The **ADVOCATE'S** pen is still strong. We thank the giver of all good for enabling us to use it discreetly. We promise you a more valuable publication for 1890 than any previous year, and hope to increase the number of commendations that have already been received, viz.: That the **FARMER'S ADVOCATE** is the best agricultural paper in America. Wishing you all the pleasures and compliments of the season, and a happy and prosperous new year, I remain your humble servant, well-wisher and true friend,

WILLIAM WELD.

Our Subscription Picture of 1890.

During the past fall we determined to offer, as a subscription prize, a picture of more than ordinary interest. It is a beautiful engraving, seventeen inches deep and thirty inches long, on which are portrayed, in the best art, the prize-winning draught stallions of 1889, at the Toronto Industrial and Ontario Provincial. Nine noted horses are illustrated. Full particulars of them will be given in our January number.

The engraving, printing, etc., will cost us upwards of \$1,000. It is the finest thing of the kind ever produced, or offered by any agricultural paper in America. We will give a copy of this picture to every old subscriber who sends us his own subscription, accompanied by the name of one new subscriber, before February 1st, 1890. New subscribers may also obtain it by sending us an additional yearly subscriber.

Caution.

Again the patent right agent and confidence man are abroad. This crop springs up spontaneously, and it matters not whether it be Red Lion wheat, Bohemian or Hullless oats, or what not they have the same origin. All spring from the fertile brain of parties who make it their business to gull. We are daily in receipt of letters for advice of how to get out of some difficulty that has occurred through giving orders to agents who pretend to be authorised by incorporated companies. When will our farmers leave severely alone this class and deal with reliable men?

From our agents and subscribers, we hear of new schemes of working seed grain, in which fabulous profits are promised. A subscriber is just in who has been duped of a large sum of money by an agent pretending to have control of a wire clothes line that does not require pins, and, which scheme, we have good reason to believe, has the same headquarters. Still let us hear of anything that savours of fraud, that we may expose it. Send full particulars and details.

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