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Our Monthly Prize Essays.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION.

- 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.

Our prize of \$5 has been awarded to Mr. J. H. McClure, Balmoral, Man., for the best essay on "The Best Varieties of Potatoes for Manitoba, and the Best Methods of Cultivation".

A second prize has been awarded to Mr. D. F. Wilson, Brandon, for his essay on the question "Is it Advantageous to Breed Farm Mares to Drop Their Foals in the Late Fall or Early Winter for Best Results in Work and Foals During the Year?" This, in addition to the first prize essay, will give both sides of the question and the advantages and disadvantages of both seasons.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on "The Profits of Sheep Husbandry in Manitoba and the Northwest". Essays to be in this office not later than the 15th of May.

Sugar-Beet Commission.

Mr. Robert Ness, Howick, P. Q., whose name is well known in Clydesdale circles, has been appointed by the government of his province to accompany the Premier and Provincial Treasurer, as a commission, to visit France with the view of examining into and reporting upon the culture of sugar-beet.

An Enterprising Importer.

Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth, Ont., who has been making numerous importations of Shropshire sheep of late, intends leaving for England at an early date in May, in order to select a fresh lot for this season's trade. He has a particularly good lot of young lambs now in his pens.

Carter's Prize Prolific Barley.

This new sort was sent out from the Ottawa Experimental Farm, under the supervision of Prof. William Saunders, last season. Each individual was restricted to one bag of the above barley, in order to secure a wide distribution of this seed, and to prevent applicants from a distance being disappointed through the supply becoming exhausted. By thus limiting the sale, a quantity of the barley was left over. Having tested the vitality of the grain, Mr. Saunders finds that ninety per cent. germinates, and the growth is strong. This season the price is fixed at \$3.00 per bag, freight paid.

Lansdowne Electoral Division Farmers' Institute.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the above institute was held at Bradwardine on Saturday, February 28th, Mr. Thomas Speers in the chair, and Mr. John Parr secretary *pro tem*. There was a large meeting. The balloting for the various officers resulted as follows:—President, Edward Hunter; Vice-President, Thomas Speers; Sec.-Treas., Wm. J. Hudson; Directors, Messrs. Robt. Hall, Jas. Hayes, T. R. Todd, John Brown and W. J. Hudson. Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and the newly elected officers pointed out the necessity for each individual member throwing in that energy and earnestness which was so essential to success. A warm discussion on "Seeders" followed, the result of which seemed to point out that the press and common drills did good work and were a good saving in seed on land which was well prepared and finely divided up, but that on rough, badly prepared, damp or frozen ground the broadcast seeder was more to be depended on for placing the seed in the ground.

Anonymous Correspondence.

It is remarkable how many people forget to sign their names when writing a letter. Two contributions have reached this office within the last month that would prove interesting reading, but cannot be used from the fact that they are without the slightest clue as to authorship. One gentleman signs himself "Logoch," the other signs nothing whatever. In the business department much annoyance is occasioned in the same manner. It is an almost daily occurrence to receive a letter containing a remittance and no name attached. It is, of course, impossible, under the circumstances, to credit the person remitting. A little care would obviate this difficulty.

Grange Wholesale Supply Co., of Toronto.

We publish in this issue an advertisement of the Grange Wholesale Supply Company, Toronto, and draw the attention of our readers thereto. This Company is now under good management, and, from our investigations, we believe the present manager, Mr. R. Y. Manning, is the right man in the right place; and if he is properly and generously supported in all his efforts by an honest straightforward Board of Directors and the stockholders generally, we may expect to see the Grange Wholesale Supply Company a very valuable institution to the farmers of this province.

We have lately purchased some lines of goods from Mr. Manning's house, and the quality and price have been very satisfactory indeed. Send to Mr. R. Y. Manning, 35 Colbourn St., Toronto, for their price list, etc., etc. We will review their catalogue in our next issue.

Mr. Peter Ferguson, of Indian Head, N.W.T., left March 7th for Ontario on immigration work, being employed by the Agricultural Society of that place. Collingwood will be the first point visited. Mr. Ferguson takes with him some fine samples of wheat. One sample of Ladoga, grown by Mr. Plaxton, M. L. A., Prince Albert, is exceptionally fine. Mr. Ferguson promises to let the readers of the ADVOCATE know how the work proceeds.

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