CANADA'S SCHOLARS

ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR VALUABLE PRIZES.

A RECOGNITION FOR EVERY COMPETITION-A PRIZE FOR THE BEST STORY FROM EACH SCHOOL; A BETTER PRIZE FOR THE BEST FROM EACH COUNTY; A SERIES. OF CELEBRATED WORKS FOR THE BEST FROM EACH PROVINCE; AND ONE WORTH \$125 FOR THE BEST IN THE DOMINION.

The publishers of the Montreal Witness and Northern Messenger some weeks ago announced a competition whereby every scholar in Canada can compete for valuable prizes, of which a large proportion of them can gain one or more, while every competitor obtains a recognition of having joined in the competition. Immediately, on the announcement being made public, words of encouragement and offers of assistance came from every quarter of the country and enquiries for fuller information. In answer to them we republish the plan and ask every teacher and scholar to read it carefully.

Every county or city in Canada has many interesting stories of heroism or playful adventure, many records of successful struggles after independence, wealth and usefulness, and many unsuccessful struggles no less honorable. These we want the scholars who attend our schools to collect and send to us. To stimulate them we offer a recognition of having competed, and a series of prizes as follows :-

1-THE RECOGNITION.

The writer of every story who does not receive a prize will be sent a pretty card showing that he or she has written a story for the Dominion Prize Competition.

2-THE SCHOOL PRIZE.

The writer of the best story from each school will receive as a prize a copy of the Northern Messenger for a year, price 30 cents, and a card stating that this prize had been awarded him.

3-THE COUNTY PRIZE.

The stories from all the schools of a county will be collected and handed to judges who will award the writer of the best in the county or city, the county prize, which is a copy of Macaulay's History of England in five volumes, strongly bound in cloth, worth \$5. There will be 206 of these county prizes offered.

4--THE PROVINCE PRIZES.

The county prize essays will then be reviewed by the judges who will award to the best of these from each pro-vince the province prize, which will be a set of Francis Parkman's works, ten volumes, as follows:—" Montculm and Wolfe," (2 volumes); "The Pioneers of France in the New World;" "The Jesuits in North America in the Seventeenth Century;" "La Salle and the Discovery of the Great West;" The Old Regime in Canada;" "Count Frontenac and new France under Louis XIV.;" This prize is worth \$15,00.

5-the dominion prize.

The province prize essays, Newfoundland



being classed as a province, will be, submitted to an authority, probably in England, who will award to the best the Dominion prize. This will be a

Remington No. 2. type-writer with cover and four-drawer desk worth \$125. This is for writing letters and manuscripts of all kinds and is a very valuable article.

THE DIVISIONS NAMED.

ONE DOMINION PRIZE, a Remington No. 2 type-writer, for the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland.

EIGHT PROVINCE PRIZES, a set of Park man's works for the Island of Newfoundland and each of the Canadian provinces-Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, (including Keewatin, Alberta, Assiniboia, and Saskatchewan), and British Columbia.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIX COUNTY PRIZES, Macaulay's History of England in five volumes as follows :-

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IN NEWFOUNDLAND, one cach for the city of St. John's, the Peninsula of Avalon, and the remaining portion of the Island.—3.

IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, one each for Prince, Queen's and King's Counties, and the City of Charlottetown.—4.

IN NOVA SCOTIA, one each for the counties of Guysborough, Halifax, Lunenburg, Queen's, Skelbourne, Yarmouth, Digby, Annanolis, King's, Hants, Cumberland', Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish, Inverness, Victoria, Cape Breton, Richmond and the City of Halifax.—19.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK, one each for the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmorland, Albert, St. John, Charlotte, King's, Queen's, Sunbury. York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska, and the cities of St. John, Portland, and Fredericton.—18.

IN QUEBEC, one each for the counties of Pontiac, Ottawa, Argenteuil, Two Wountains, Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Jacques Cartier, Hochelaga, Laval, Terrebonne, I'Assomption, Montcalm, Joliette, Berthier, Maskinonge, St. Mauric, Champlain, Portneuf, Quebec, Montmorency, Charlevoix, Chicoutimi, Saguenay, Huntingdon, Beauharnois, Chateauguy. Laprairie, Napierville, St. Johns, Chambly, Vercheres, Richelieu, Yamaska, St. Hyacinthe, Bagot, Rouville, Iberville, Nicolet, Lotbiniere, Levis, Dorchester, Bellechasse, Montmagny, L'Islet, Kamouraska, Temiscouata, Rimouski, Bonaventure, Gaspe, Arthabaska, Megantic, Beauce, Drummond, Richmond, Wolfe, Shefford, Compton, Missis quoi, Brome, Stanstead, and the town and City of Sherbrooke, and Cities of Quebec, Montreal, Hull, St. Hyacinthe and Three Rivers.—66.

IN Ontario one each for the Counties of Simcoe, Grey, Bruce, Hiuron, Lambton, Essex, Kent, Elgin, Norfolk, Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Halton, Peel, York, Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Prince Edward, Hastings, Lennox, Addington, Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Carlton, Lanark, Renfrew, Middlesex, Oxford, Enant, Perth. Waterloo, Wellington, Victoria, Peterborough,

Turtle Mountain, Souris River, and the city of Winnipeg.—27.
One for the Territory of Alberta.
One for the Territory of Assinibola.
One for the Territory of Saskatchewan.
In British Columbia one each for the electoral divisions of Cariboo and Lilloct, New Westminster, Vancouver, Victoria, Yale and Kootenay and the city of Victoria.—6.

THE PRIZES.

\$1,275

SPECIAL POINTS.

As it is almost impossible that any scholar would be able to obtain the necessary information without assistance the question of the amount of assistance which "The Oregon Trail, Sketches of Prairie and Rocky Mountain Life;" "History of the Conspiracy of Pontiac;" (2 volumes.) Petitor will be permitted to get all the petitor will be permitted to get all the assistance possible from any source whatever. But the story must be in the handwriting of the competitor, and the fact that the writer is a regular pupil of the school must be certified to by the head teacher thereof.

Ε	OMINION PRIZE COMPETITION.
	(Name of Story.)
	Ву
_	(Nom de Plume.)
	(Name and Number of School.)
	(County.)
	(Province.)
	(Signature and address of Teacher.)

Each story must be written on foolscap

paper, on one side only, and must not exceed 2,000 words. The sheets must be folded in eight, that is one-quarter the size of the page, and endorsed on the back according to the diagram.

Enclosed with the manuscript should be a letter in a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer, his or her nom de phime, which is attached to the story, the name and address of the school and the teacher's certificate that the essay referred to is written by the scholar, who is a member of the school, that there is reason to believe the story is true, and the scholar's age.

The last day for the mailing of these essays will be March 30th, 1889, and the prizes will be awarded as soon after as possible, so as to be given at the school

The essays should be sent in as soon as ready, to facilitate the work of selection.

JUDGES.

For Schools.—Each teacher is requested to send his judgment as to the best essay sent from his school. This judgment will be subject to the revision of the province judge. It would be well if the stories from each school were sent in one bundle, together with the judgment of the teacher on them.

NEW BRUNSWICE-A. A. Stockton, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., St. John, has kindly consented to be judge for the Province of New Brunswick.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Judge Alley, Judge of the County Court of Queen's County, has kindly consented to be judge

for the Province of Prince Edward Island. QUEBEC.—Dr. J. M. Harper, Quebec, has kindly consented to be judge for the Province of Quebec.

ONTARIO. — William Houston, Esq., M.A., Parliamentary librarian, has kindly consented to be judge for the Province of Ontario.

These judges were nominated by the superintendents of education in each province, except Ontario, Mr Houston being requested to act by the publishers of the Witness and Messenger.

The names of the other judges will be announced as soon as their consent has been obtained.

ENQUIRIES AND EXPLANATIONS.

"If it should so happen that only one paper should be sent from a certain school or county, would the sender be entitled to the prize?"

A. C. Kempton,

Riverside, N. B.

"Please let me know by return mail whether college boys are included in the competition for prizes, and also whether the story must have happened in the vicinity of where you live. I attend St. Jerome's College here and am nineteen years old.

"Will you uccept stories of about 600 words?"

EDWIN A. SCHAEFER.

In respect to the first enquiry the original pros. pectus reads; "In addition, to render the interest more general, a copy of the Northern Messenger will be sent for a year to the writer of the best story from each school, as decided by the teacher, but the teacher's judgment will not necessarily be followed by the judges of the county prizes. Further, every competitor will receive a card, showing that he or she had a part in this great Dominion competition." This paragraph was written in the expectation that, if any story was received from any school more than one would be sent. But we will make this concession-if two stories are sent from any school the writer of the better will receive a copy of the Messenger for the year, and the other a competition card. If but one is sent, and that of any merit, the writer will receive a copy of the Messenger for a year. In respect to the counties, if twelve essays are received, the County prize will be awarded, and if but one is received and it is of exceptional meritso as to be classed with those competing for the Dominion prize, it will be awarded the county prize.

The question of our correspondent from St. Jerome College is more difficult to answer. He sends in a neat little short story of adventure In specifying schools we thought by that means to limit the ages or capacity of the writers. For though there may be some well grown scholars t the public schools they have not, as a rule, had as many educational advantages as boys and girls much younger who attend what are known as colleges. But we want the competition to be as wide as possible and include in the competition those schools or colleges in which scholars are admitted when young, no matter how far they may advance; but colleges in which young men and women simply complete their education are

ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, Brantford, Jan. 16, 1889

MESBRS. JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Montreal, Que. DEAR SIRS.-In the issue of the Montreal

Weekly Witness of the 9th inst. which was read to me the other day mention was made of a "Dominion Prize Competition" organized by you for the benefit of the pupils of the Dominion of Canada. I am a pupil of the Institute for the Bilind of this city but my native county is Leeds, Ont. As there were no particulars of the competition in the article referred to, and as I had not heard of it before, I would be much obliged to you if you would kindly inform me if I might compete for the prizes as a pupil of Leeds County. Also please let me know the rules governing the competition. Thanking you in anticipation of your reply and trusting to hear from you at your carliest convenience,

I am respectfully yours,
WILLIE WELLS.
In a case like that of Willie Wells, who is resid-Weekly Wilness of the 9th inst. which was read to me the other day mention was made of a "Do-

In a case like that of Willie Wells, who is residing in a school in a different county from that in which his home is, the competitor will have the privilege of selecting for his story the events in either county. And a somewhat similar point is raised in British Columbia. A boy who has an adventure in one county, moves into another and wants to write of his adventure in the former, and asks if he can write the account of his adventure for the competition. Of course he can; and we think that if an event is carried over two or more counties the record may come from any one of them, and if the "hero" of any story removes to another county than that in which the events happened the story may be written up in either

or both of these counties. or both of these counties.

Sir.—I went to a school last summer, but the school is not kept open during the winter, having been closed since November 1st. I am not now attending any school. The school will be reopened in the spring, when I expect to be a scholar. Also the teacher has married and gone away. Would a certificate from the trustees instead of one from the teacher do?"

Souris Manitoha.

Souris, Manitoba.

To both questions we answer, yes.

Gentlemen.—My pupils are taking an interest in your advertised prize essay competition. Since these essays are to be composed of incidents that have actually happened in the county, I have been asked by some if it is necessary to suppress the names of the actors in the incidents which are taken for their themes. Would you kindly advise me in this matter.

J. W. Brown, Teachor.

Hanover, Ont.

As a general rule it would be well to use the real names; but if there should be any reason why the names of any of the participators in the events should not be used then fictitious names might be substituted and this be stated in a note at the beginning of the story. Of course we must trust to the honor of the writers that the narratives are true, or to the good will of the certifying teachers on whom we rely to inform us if there is any doubt of the correctness of the statements recorded.

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Str.—"Is it compulsory that each competitor shall be a subscriber to the Northern Messenger?

"Please give me full answers to this as I have ordered two copies of the Messenger for the use of a school. I have already selected one boy and one girl to whom I have already selected one boy and one girl to whom I havensked the young collector to address them. I think this a very good way to interest the children in your valuable paper."

THOMAS C. ROISON.

In answer to these questions we note that it is not compulsory for any competitor to be a subscriber to the Northern Messenger, Wilness or any Witness publication, but it would be an advantage for them to receive one or other of those papers that they may keep posted on all the interesting points of this great enterprise.

As to the last paragraph we think that it would be well for, at least, one person in every school to take pains to follow the competition as new points are coming up every week, principally through correspondence.

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CORDIAL EXPRESSIONS.

"FREDERICTON, Jan. 10, 1889. "I brought your scheme before a recent meet-ing of the school inspectors, who highly approved of it and expressed their willingness to encourage it in every way."

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WM. CROCKETT, Chief Supt. Education. "I will do all in my power to aid you, as I think the movement is a good one."

D. W. Ross,

Prin. Superior School, Grand Falls, N. B.

"Every assistance in my power towards bring-ing your scheme for competition premiums to the notice of our teachers and pupils will be cheer-fully rendered."
S. D. POPE, Supt. of Education, Victoria, B. C.

"I cannot speak too highly of your proposed competition. It will not only stimulate talent among the boysand girls, but bring out a host of interesting historical stories."

ARTHUR E. BROWN, Morrisburg, Inspector for Dundas County.

"Your enterprise is most commendable. The county of Welland should furnish a large share of incidents worth preserving. Lundy's Lane, Niagara, Falls, Brock's Monument, Laura Secord, Indian legends, etc., etc., are suggestive."

R. HARCOURT, (M.A. M.P.P.) Inspector for Welland.

Address all communications,

JOHN DOUGALL & SON,

Dominion Competition.