

Stamp-Lore Prize Article Competition.

WE take great pleasure in announcing that a first prize of **\$10.00**, and a second prize of **\$6.00** will be awarded by the publishers of STAMP-LORE, for the two best original short articles, not exceeding *one thousand words* in length that are submitted to this publication before December 1st next.

Though our preference is for articles on the stamps of Great Britain and Colonies, we place no restriction whatever, upon authors taking as their subjects the stamps of any other country, nor do we stipulate that a competitor must be a subscriber to this journal. All MSS. will be judged entirely on their merits, the prestige or standing of an author having no weight whatever in the competition.

Competitors would do well to observe that the following rules governing the competition will be strictly adhered to:—

(1) All articles must not exceed one thousand words; Competition closes Dec. 1st, 1896. Prizes awarded and paid Dec. 20th, 1896.

(2) The publication reserves the right to purchase at its current rates, which are without doubt the highest allowed by any philatelic publication, as many of the articles submitted as it desires. This publication agrees to return all unsuccessful MSS. and all MSS. not purchased by it if stamps are sent for the purpose, subject, however to rule 3.

(3) Attached to each article must be a sealed blank envelope containing stamps for the return of the MSS., and the contributor's name and address in full, *but in no other place must the contributor's name and address appear*. The object of this rule is obvious, guaranteeing as it does a *bona fide* competition free from all favoritism. This rule will be strictly enforced and all MSS. submitted by contributors who do not conform to it will neither be read nor returned; all MSS. intended for this competition must be addressed as follows:

THE EDITOR.

STAMP-LORE,

LONDON, CANADA,

(Prize article competition.)

(4) An author may send in as many articles as he pleases, but no author will be allowed to take more than one prize.

It will be seen from the above that contributors have from now to Dec. 1st to prepare and submit their contributions, but a good article cannot be written in a day. *Remember, a writer may send in as many articles as he pleases.*

All MSS. when opened will be read by the Editor of STAMP-LORE, and the best ten contributions selected. These will then be handed to Mr. Robertson, Barrister, of St. Thomas, for final selection.

The points upon which articles will be judged are:

- 1st, Originality
- 2nd, Novelty of Subject
- 3rd, Excellence of Treatment.