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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.

We will give a prize of \$5 for the best essay which will name and describe the varieties of spring wheat, oats, barley and peas which have yielded best during the past season in the district in which the writer resides. Essay to be in this office not later than the 15th of February.

We will give a prize of \$5 for the best essay which will name and describe the six most promising varieties of potatoes grown in the district in which the writer resides, and the mode of culture which has given the best results. Essay to be in this office not later than March 15th.

We will give a prize of \$5 for the best essay on corn and corn culture. The writer to name and describe the three most promising sorts grown in the district in which he resides, also the best and most economical mode of cultivation before and after planting. Essay to be in this office not later than March 15th.

## Editorial.

### Clubbing Rates.

We want active, honest agents in every section of Canada. To all such we will give the following commissions:—10 to 20 new names, 25 cents each; 20 to 50 names, 35c. each; 50 to 100 names, 40c. each. Responsible parties are authorized to send us clubs at these rates. We want twenty first-class canvassers immediately. We will give constant employment and good wages to suitable persons.

### Our Christmas Chromo.

With this number we present to our readers a beautiful chromo portrait of the Hon. John Carling, a short sketch of whose life appears in this issue. These portraits are mailed in tubes. Each subscriber should receive a copy, at the same time he gets this number of the ADVOCATE.

### Our Subscription Prizes.

During the last year we awarded a good many stock prizes to parties who sent us in clubs. These have given good satisfaction in nearly every case. We intend to continue giving these prizes during the coming year. We find this an excellent method to introduce pure-bred stock into sections where but little is kept. It gives many industrious men a good opportunity to obtain first-class stock very cheaply. Carefully read page 22. Good opportunities are given there to obtain live stock, farm implements, guns and watches. We guarantee all the prizes sent out to give good satisfaction.

### The Dominion Illustrated.

The Christmas number of the Dominion Illustrated, published at Montreal, is the finest holiday number ever issued in Canada that has arrived at our office. It contains fifty pages of reading, with chromo cover and illustrated matter. It also has five supplements—one consisting of six pages of Lower Canadian life colored, descriptive and pleasing. Two excellent chromos of the "Merchant and His Account" are artistically executed. These are deserving of frames, and will please everybody that sees them; also a large, handsomely illuminated chromo, "The Lord's Prayer." All parts of our Dominion are brought before one's notice in illustrations, and in the reading matter of the paper itself. The Dominion Illustrated is the finest publication of the kind published in our Dominion. It also contains the patriotic song, with music on two pages, "God Save Canada."

## Cattle Disease in the United States.

In our December issue we called the attention of our readers to the reported outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the Western States, and the bulletin issued thereon by Dr. Paul Paquin, State Veterinarian of Missouri. The Breeders' Gazette, of Chicago, waxes very wroth over our remarks, and comments upon them in the following very choice language:—

"The Gazette regrets to observe that the Canadian FARMER'S ADVOCATE has not the manhood to be fair and honest in its treatment of the Paquin foot and mouth disease fiasco. In its December number, while not daring to claim that this English malady had appeared in Missouri, it indulges in insinuations, which are as utterly groundless as they are intensely selfish. We quote verbatim." They then give part of our article, and say about it:—"Passing over the fact that tuberculosis is just as prevalent in Canada as anywhere else, that Texas fever cannot be carried abroad, simply because no Texans are exported, the above is about as disreputable a piece of journalistic work as the Gazette has recently observed. This sort of shameless innuendo is expected at the hands of the English press. They are known to be utterly void of candor and fairness in treating of American cattle, but it now appears that in spite of the 'dose' received by the Canadian cattle held up at Dundee as affected by contagious pleuro-pneumonia, our friends across the lakes are not above taking a mean advantage of the asinine action of 'the celebrated Dr. Paquin,' in the belief that capital can be made for Canadian herds as against our own. This is no more, however, than we have a right to expect. Those who rely upon the newspapers or officials of Her Majesty's Dominions to be honest, when the cattle of the Republic are under consideration, lean only upon a reed that is a total wreck. The Gazette did not hesitate to denounce the Dundee diagnosis, which threw our Canadian friends in such a panic a few weeks since, as false, and expressed its complete confidence in the healthfulness of Dominion cattle. We begin to think, however, that we have erred in so doing. We should have demanded an immediate embargo against our northern neighbors 'on suspicion,' and it may interest the ADVOCATE to know that, judging from recent utterances of high veterinary authority on this side, such a step is yet among the possibilities of the near future. It may pay the English and Canadians to be candid yet in this matter." This is all very terrible. Passing over the disgraceful attack on the English press, which seems to be what the Gazette wants to have a fling at, through us, what is the terrible