

Barnjum Prizes Awarded

"Prizes have been awarded in the \$1,000.00 Prize Essay contest on Practical Forestry offered by F. J. D. Barnjum as follows:

First Prize: \$500.00 to P. Swanson, Timmins, Ontario.

Second Prize: \$250.00 to M. Currie, Grand Mira South, Cape Breton.

Third Prize: \$150.00 to Donald C.

Oxley, Annidale, Queens Co., N.B.

Fourth Prize: \$100.00 to R. M. Brown, Pincher Creek, Alta.

"So many of these essays were of such high order that the judges had a very difficult task in awarding these prizes, but inasmuch as the names and locations were detached from all essays before being submitted to the

judges, the contestants have the assurance that no bias or favoritism entered into their decisions.

"All these prize essays will be published in the press from time to time so that the public may have the benefit of the suggestions and recommendations contained in these valuable contributions to the cause of Forestry.

"The unsuccessful contestants can feel happy in the thought that even if they did not win a prize this time they have contributed to the welfare of their country by the valuable suggestions contained in their essays, and as our forests are our most valuable asset (for without trees civilization could not exist), they are helping to solve Canada's greatest problem.

"The success of this prize offering has been so pronounced that it is my intention to repeat this series of prizes in the immediate future and from time to time, also increasing the amount or value of the same.

"It is important for our government to know that 90 per cent. of these 225 essays which have come from all over Canada, dating all the way from British Columbia to Cape Breton, call for an embargo or heavy export tax on all pulpwood shipped out of the country. Eighty per cent. call for the permit system for all persons entering the woods, such as recently inaugurated in the Province of Quebec, and the same percentage ask for the electrification of all railways, as a means of reducing the fire risk in our forests and also as a means of reducing our heavy railway deficit.

"My sincere thanks and high appreciation are extended to the able judges who have given unstintingly of their time, thought and brains for Canada's good, not only in acting as judges in this prize contest, but in the many other ways in which they have assisted in the important cause of Forestry. All honour to Dr. C. D. Howe, Dean of Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto; G. C. Piche, Chief of Forest Service of the Province of Quebec; R. H. Campbell, Director of Dominion Forestry Branch, and G. H. Prince, Chief Forester of the Province of New Brunswick.

"The thanks of all Canadians are also due to the press of Canada for the splendid publicity they have given to the cause of Forestry and all good Canadians should support Canadian newspapers and Canadian magazines. A prosperous press means a prosperous country.

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