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## Talk Editor's

HE Contest Manager informs us that the young ladies of Canada are taking a very keen interest in the competition which he has inaugurated. The idea of sending fourteen young women to college and ten to Europe seems to have made a very general appeal. Over five hundred have asked for particulars and it looks as if at least one hundred would compete. While the Contest Manager has promised only twenty-four capital prizes, the number will be increased if conditions warrant it. Further, the districts will be so arranged that competitors living in small towns will not be compelled to compete against competitors in large cities. The prizes will be so distributed among the districts that each district will have its proper share. The district containing the largest number of competitors will be given the largest num-ber of prizes. Fuller announcements as to these arrangements and as to further prizes will be announced from week to week.

The Contest Manager is anxious to have more competitors from Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nelson. He has had few inquiries from British Columbia. He also desires to have another competitor from Halifax, Sydney, Amherst, Charlottetown and Sherbrooke. We would ask our friends in these cities to assist us in getting good competitors. Every subscriber should be interested in the success of this competition. We rely upon our friends to help make the contest a success.

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This week some attention is given to the Bank Act, now being so warmly discussed by members of the Banking Committee of the House of Commons. Professor Swanson deals with loans to farmers in relation to the policy of the Minister of Agriculture as well as to that of the banker. He favours the Aus-tralian method of helping the agriculturist. Dr. Lash discusses the new provision as to gold reserves which the public are not yet familiar with. His short contribution is timely.

Canada's destiny is a fruitful subject for the argumentative essayist. Dr. Macdonald's article in a recent issue attracted much attention, and we are pleased to give Dr. James L. Hughes an opportunity to reply to the arguments.

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