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A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on "How Many Successive Crops of Green Fodder can be Raised in one Season." The essay must comprise the most suitable crops for both light and heavy soils, yield to be expected, and method of cultivating. The time for handing in this essay has been extended to the 15th February.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on the "Cheapest and Best Method of Fencing, and how can the cost of such be lessened." The essay to be accompanied by a rough sketch of the fence recommended. The time for sending in this essay has also been extended to the 15th March.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on *The Causes of the Recent Failure of the Clover Seed Crop*, in different parts of Canada, and the best suggestions for their remedy. The essays must be as brief as possible as to the causes, but must go thoroughly into the remedies. The essay must be sent in before the 15th April next.

### The Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario

held their annual meeting at Woodstock on Wednesday and Thursday, the 30th and 31st January. The meeting was a good one; much valuable information was disseminated and an enjoyable time passed. Mr. W. Saunders, the President, makes an excellent chairman and is very popular. The citizens of Woodstock gave the members a supper. We were present on Thursday afternoon, when several addresses were read, out of which much valuable information and useful hints were to be obtained, but, as at most of these meetings, much that has been said again and again was here repeated. This may often do good, but for the future well-being of this Society we would suggest that it would tend to greater benefits were three-fourths of some of the long addresses left out and the real useful points only allowed to occupy the time. Some of the addresses were so tedious that half the attendance left the hall. Perhaps the most valuable points taken during the afternoon were contained in a paper read by Mr. Smith, of Grimsby, entitled, "Mistakes," from which we glean the following useful hints:

Mr. Smith said it was a mistake to be present in this hall and think that mice were not destroying their fruit trees; a mistake to plant trees with a post-hole borer; a mistake to plant

trees during any particular quarter of the moon; that trees should be planted in the earth; a mistake to turn young trees out to grass as soon as they were out of the nursery; a mistake to think that some tree peddlers did not intentionally label trees incorrectly to enable them to sell, regardless of variety; a mistake to think every tree peddler dishonest; and a mistake to put all the small berries at the bottom of the basket—the large ones on the top had a crushing effect, particularly on your conscience; we may, add that it is a mistake that the farmers are not better protected against humbugs than they are. We hoped to give you more useful information from this gathering, but time and space prevents us, as our paper must go to press and is already full. The summer meeting will be held in Berlin, Ont.

### Nibs by the Way.

Repairing tools is now in order.  
Mixed husbandry is the safest.  
Beware of sheep-killing canines.  
Now secure plenty of fuel and ice.  
Soon you may say "Come Boys."  
System and order pay on the farm.  
Did you begin the new year aright?  
Not too early to plan for the garden.  
Use dry muck plentifully in stables.  
Are you regular in foddering stock.  
Secure good seed for spring planting.  
Wild mint will drive away rats, etc.  
Pennyroyal will make roaches leave.  
A change of seed is often beneficial.  
Is that map of your farm completed?  
Get good implements for spring work?  
Get ready for the maple sugar season.  
Read up on your specialty in farming.  
Industry and economy leap to success.  
Sorghum culture is increasing rapidly.  
Remember damp cellars are unhealthy.  
Good buildings indicate thrifty farmers.  
Draughts in poultry houses cause roup.  
Pluck decayed leaves from house plants.  
Do heavy teaming while the snow lasts.  
The wise farmer secures good help early.  
Send for catalogues of seeds, plants, etc.  
Morning milk is richer than the evening.  
Read the advertisements of seeds, stock, etc.  
The Jersey is styled the "gentleman's cow."

We have still a supply of our Illustrated Premium List. Send at once for a copy and win some of our useful and pleasing premiums before the 15th March.