

PUBLISHER'S DESK

The Great Prize Contest

There has been a big enthusiastic entry list in our big \$2,500 Prize Contest, and there certainly should be, for the prizes are great. When a paper sells 5,000 new subscriptions right away it is willing to make offers that will get its friends to hustle. Every reader wants to help Farm and Dairy, and many of them tell their friends about it every chance, but we can't expect them to really get busy unless there is something in it for themselves. Well, here are some things worth working for, or the cash to buy what you wish. The offers are wonderful; think of getting a \$500 horse and buggy for only \$500 subscriptions at a dollar each—that will win the horse and buggy. There's a \$280 Art Piano that can be won with less than that number of subscriptions. There are fur coats, and patches and cameras as special prizes to be won for only a few subscriptions. Several hundred prize winners are going to thank Farm and Dairy when the contest is over, for some of them they have long wanted and good stuff offered.

GOOD MANY DISTRICTS OPEN

Though we have received so many entries, there are a good many of the best districts from which we haven't a single contestant. The country is pretty big from N. S. to B. C. Here is the chance for many new contestants to get prizes very easily. There will not be much opposition. This is the very beginning of the contest, so there is lots of opportunity.

EASY TO GET

It is easy to get subscriptions in a contest. Every dairy farmer will be glad to give a trial to the paper that is published just for dairy farmers, if you tell him you are working for a prize. He will be glad. Many contestants have friends working for them who are getting lots of orders. Get your friends and relatives each to take a list of people whom they know, and get orders for you. Then you have so many things to tell about Farm and Dairy; no paper in Canada has done so much for the farmers.

SOME FRIENDS TO TELL

Farm and Dairy is the paper that gives success; over 600 of the most successful dairy farmers in Canada tell its readers all the methods that gained success for themselves. Can any be more helpful than their's?

Farm and Dairy is the paper that secured Rural Free Delivery. The farmers, who realize the importance of the service, must thank Farm and Dairy for getting it for them. It will soon be all over the country, thanks to the energy of this paper.

Farm and Dairy secured these factory inspection, which cleaned up the unsanitary, dirty factories, which were once a disgrace to many communities. Farm and Dairy secured the appointment of a commission of farmers to find why the bacon of Denmark was forcing Canadian bacon from England, our best market. Farm and Dairy secured the registration of cheese makers, which has kept the best makers in the factories. Farm and Dairy helped on the reforestation of districts made barren by fire and sand.

CAN ANY OTHER FARM PAPER SHOW SUCH A RECORD?

Tell your neighbors—get their subscriptions—win a prize. Send in your name on the entry blank in the advertisement of the contest in this issue.

Light is the best germicide and cheapest of health insurance. Knock a few holes in the walls of that dark stable and insert a window or two.

Potato Rot Prevalent

Reports continue to reach Farm and Dairy from the special correspondents telling of the very serious condition of the potato crop throughout the province. In Farm and Dairy last week we predicted that the loss from rotting in the province would be at least 30 to 50 per cent. Reports received since lead us to believe that the loss will be nearer the higher than the lower figure. Even the part of the crop that has been dug and carefully sorted into the cellars is rotting rapidly. For instance, Mr. C. M. Macfie of Prescott county, reports that one of his neighbors placed 70 bags in small pits to dry and when lifted a few days ago only nine bags were in a marketable condition. This condition is general in Mr. Macfie's neighborhood, and some farmers are not digging their potatoes at all. Only on high dry sand was the crop free from blight.

Practically the only optimistic report that we have received is from Haliburton county. Mr. Seymour Taylor reports that after considerable enquiry he finds that while reports are conflicting, there will be a fair quantity of marketable potatoes.

"The potato crop in this section is certainly in a very bad state," writes Mr. A. B. Snyder, of Waterloo county. "Some farmers did not dig their crop at all and those who have lifted their potatoes culled them from 50 to 75 per cent."

Mrs. Charles Polard writing from Grey county, reports that potatoes are a dandy crop, but that dry rot is quite prevalent, and although not yet serious there is no telling what it may develop into.

From away in the south west, Lambton county, Mr. Jas. Laird reports that on light or sandy soil the crop is very good, but that on clay land many potatoes will not be dug at all. Many who have put their crop in cellars have been obliged to carry them out again. He believes that there will just be half a crop when all of the spoiled ones are finally got rid of.

Dealers on the Toronto market seem to be wary of buying potatoes at the present time, fearing that they will spoil on their hands. On this account the demand is not as good as it might otherwise be, nor prices as high. Eastern Canada is reported as having a good crop of potatoes and this will tend to keep down prices at Ontario points; but the scarcity of the home grown product will keep quotations at a fairly high level until the crop of 1913 is ready.

THE STEEL INTERESTS
INTERVIEW DOMINION
GOVERNMENTREQUEST TARIFF PROTECTION
OR RENEWAL OF BOUNTIES

Sarnia, Ontario, Oct. 26th, 1912. Representatives of all the steel interests met the ministers of the Government at Ottawa, on Friday, October 25th, asking increased tariff protection on steel products or if the government will not immediately increase the tariff, they want a temporary renewal of the bounties pending a permanent revision of the tariff. We understand that the government have only promised consideration, and will again discuss the matter with them, before the session opens in November. Now the steel interests will resort to every means within their power to either get the government to pay them out of the public treasury, a fixed amount on every ton of steel they manufacture, or place a higher duty on steel products, which will give them the privilege of directly taxing every user of steel in Canada.

For the past quarter of a century, the steel interests have been given enormous sums out of the public treasury, and on the strength of these immense sums, it was possible to place a large percentage of water in their stock, and still pay a dividend. Now, when the bounties are cut off, it is troublesome to show a dividend on the watered stock, and naturally they look to the government to give them the privilege of specially taxing the public in order that their stocks will hold the old market value. Are you willing to be specially taxed for this purpose? Early this present year The Sarnia Fence Company circulated petitions among the farmers, in order that they might place before the government their feelings on the matter of renewal of the

bounties, or granting further protection to the steel interests, and the result was, so much objection was raised, that the steel interests were obliged to let the matter rest for a year, and now they are renewing their demands. The main argument of the steel interests before the government, is that they are not receiving as much protection through the tariff, as other lines, and they feel they are being discriminated against in not having the privilege of bleeding the public for as large a percentage as other manufacturers. They are seeking legislation which will place all steel products in their control. If they can by any methods lead the members of the government to believe through a contortion of figures that they need further protection, they will get it. On the other hand, if the farmers of Canada stand together irrespective of party politics, and refuse to spoon feed the steel interests longer, the government will listen, and you get the matter through your member, who is your representative at Ottawa and write him personally, and tell him you will expect him to oppose any renewal of the bounties, also any further protection in the tariff, particularly the giving of a bounty on wire rods, or any change in the free admission of galvanized wire for fence purposes, not be reenacted by you. Protections of this nature will be effective, and it is up to you to do it to-day, then watch the result.

When the late government placed plain galvanized wire for farm fencing on the free list, it was meant as a special concession to the farmer. He (the farmer), however, was prevented from reaping any benefit from this concession through a pool arrangement of the FENCE Manufacturers. Through the policy of the Sarnia Fence Company the farmer has had a taste of what was intended for him. Are you going to sit idly by, and see the steel interests through legislation deprive you of this concession when you have the remedy in their own hands; prompt action and strong protests will do it.

Yours truly,

THE SARNIA FENCE CO., Ltd.

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