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- 1.—No award will be made unless one essay at least comes up to the standard for publication.
- 2.—It is not necessary for essayists to agree with our policy, so long as they give sound reasons for differing from us.
- 3.—The essays will be judged by the ideas, arguments, conciseness and conformity with the subject, and not by the grammar, punctuation or spelling, our object being to encourage farmers who have enjoyed few educational advantages.
- 4.—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, the sum being decided by ourselves in each case, and the essay will appear in the same or in a succeeding issue.

Our prize of \$5.00 for the best original essay on *The Best Education for Farmers' Sons and Daughters who Remain on the Farm*, has been awarded to S. A. Laidman, Binbrook, Ont. The essay appears in this issue.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best original essay on *Agricultural Exhibitions as Educational Institutions for the Farmer and his Family*. Essays to be handed in not later than July 15th.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best original essay on the following subject: *On what Basis can the Middlesex Agricultural Council and Our Farmers most Harmoniously Co-operate for the Best Interests of Agriculture?* Essays to be handed in not later than August 15th.

A family near Little Rock, Ark., who drank milk from a cow bitten by a mad dog, suffered excruciatingly from hydrophobia.

Editorial.

On the Wing.

INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

This Exhibition is looked upon by many as the most important gathering that has been held in our generation, as from it the blending in unity of all the British possessions is expected in such a manner as to aid each other's interests and prosperity. The beauty and wealth of the exhibits show that we have all the varied products of the world grown or produced in our possessions. The gorgeous display made by India and Australia seemed at first entirely to eclipse Canada; but a closer investigation proves that the value of Canada's representation is not surpassed. Her fruits make a grand display, the apple being represented by about 1,000 specimens, preserved in glass jars. Her cereals, dairy products, and agricultural machinery are hardly excelled in any part of the world. As for soil and territory to be opened up, we may say to the energetic what some nations cannot, that is, "Increase and multiply and replenish the earth." As an exhibitor, we were favored with a pass for self and two others on the memorable day—the 4th of May. The Queen was accompanied by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Princess of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, &c. A long procession of dignitaries of state, officials, &c., had passed before the entrance of our Sovereign Lady sent a thrill through the hearts of all true Canadians whose good hap it was to be present on the august occasion.

Canada's exhibit was at the opening much behind the grand displays made by Australia, India, New Zealand, &c. But now it is getting in order, the opinion among visitors in the city is growing that Canada eclipses all others in the real value of her displays, and her courts are being better filled with visitors each day. We know not what would have been done had our Canadian exhibitors been unanimous in exhibiting. Not half the manufacturers of London (Ontario) are represented, as the people of Canada did not at first see the advantages to be gained by exhibiting. As it is, there is not half space enough to show with effect many exhibits of value that are sent. Many must remain very obscure, if seen at all. At one of our exhibitions in Canada the implements occupied ten times as much space as is allowed them here. The fact is, England is small—her roads, rooms, farms, fields, buildings—but the hearts of her people are as large.

Her gold is astonishingly abundant, and much good is being done with this wealth by many a noble and grand individual that the world never hears of.

Each of Canada's exhibits makes a silent appeal of more effect than words upon all visitors. Now we can say to our Canadian friends, "Come and see your country in its mother's arms. You will return with an elevation of yourself, with knowledge and pleasure that will amply repay you for expenditure, and with a proud feeling of being connected with your mother country and your sister colonies."

ENTERTAINED BY THE MARQUIS OF LORNE.

On the 5th of June, in company with other exhibitors, we accepted a kind invitation from the Marquis of Lorne to meet him at his residence at Kensington Palace. We made our appearance at the entrance, presented our card, entered our name in the register, and were then directed to go into a large paved courtyard. The Marquis was standing at one of the entrances to the palace to receive us. The quaint old yard, the tiled roof, the antique windows, the large, spacious, old-fashioned rooms of State, old tapestry, old paintings, and old historical reminiscences were very carefully described to us by the Marquis, who acted in the most courteous and hospitable manner towards us. He presented us to H. R. H. Princess Louise, the sight of whose face has always created in us a thrill of pleasure and admiration. The first time we saw her was in London (Ontario), the second in the Citadel in Quebec, and the third at Kensington Palace. The Marquis escorted us through the gardens and grounds, and then into a room where refreshments were furnished to us. After having spent a pleasant hour, we retired to ruminate on the historical treat we had just received.

PLEASING INCIDENTS.

On the morning of the 29th May, we went to the exhibition to have our exhibit arranged. We found the Canadian Department closed. We tried all the entrances and approaches we could find, but to no purpose. As we were at one of the gates, we heard a voice say: "Here they come!" and the crowd ran to another gate. We went also. The Queen's open carriage, drawn by a pair of very handsome chestnuts, had just arrived. Being fortunately in time, we walked by the side of the horse near the carriage from which the Queen was to alight. She was assisted as she stepped from the carriage by the Equerry in Waiting. The Prince and Princess of Wales were standing at the entrance on the Queen's arrival. At the entrance she took the Princess's hand in