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We have received from our respected friend, B. P. Johnson, Esq., whom we have had to thank on so many occasions, "Premiums and Regulations of the New York State Agricultural Society, for their Annual Show, to be held at the city of Syracuse, September 11, 12, 13, 1849." We believe the premiums offered amount in number to not less than *one thousand*, besides leaving to the discretion of the judges to recommend for premiums any particular animals or articles which may be exhibited out of the regular class. The regulations are generally admirable, and well calculated to advance the improvement and prosperity of agriculture, and afford ample proof that in the State of New York it is considered of the first importance of any interest in that country. We certainly might take a useful lesson from our neighbours on this particular subject. The following notice is given to "guests of the Society and strangers in attendance:"—

Rooms have been provided at RUST'S HOTEL, Syracuse, where the Executive Committee will be happy to meet gentlemen who may be in attendance at the Show from out of the State, as well as those from our own State. The President of the Society, or some member of the Executive Committee, will be in attendance to offer every attention in their power to gentlemen who may be present.

A Register will be kept at the rooms, where gentlemen are desired to enter their names on their arrival.

The following gentlemen have been selected on the part of the Society, as a

*Committee of Reception of Guests of the Society.*  
—James S. Wadsworth, Genesee; Col. Edward Kirby, Brownville; Lewis F. Allen, Black Rock.

The regulations with respect to persons obtaining premiums for the best managed farms,

and cheese and butter dairies, are so much to the purpose, that we copy them. One regulation of the American Society we should be glad to see adopted in Canada—it is: "Judges (especially those on animals) will be expected to give *the reasons of their decisions*, embracing the valuable and desirable qualities of the animals or articles to which premiums are awarded." We consider this rule an excellent one. In the first place, it would show if the judges were competent, and in the next place, it might point out good qualities and perfections in animals and articles that perhaps were never discovered before; and we confess we have often wished to see these matters made more plain to us, than awards given without any explanation or reasons assigned, except that it was the will of the judges.

#### MANAGEMENT OF FARMS.

For the best cultivated Farm of not less than fifty acres, exclusive of wood land and waste land, regard being had to the quantity and quality of produce, the manner and expense of cultivation, and the actual profits:

First Premium, Silver Cup, value.....	\$50
Second do do do .....	30
Third do do do .....	20

The persons making applications for these premiums, must submit written answers to the following questions.

To all who furnish full answers to these questions, premiums will be given, consisting of single volumes of the Transactions of the State Society, or sets of those volumes, according to the value of such reports.

#### SOILS, &c.

1. Of how much land does your farm consist? and how much wood, waste, and improved land respectively?
2. What is the nature of your soil and subsoil? Is there limestone in it? What rocks are found in it?