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Bound volumes of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for  
1881 will be mailed, postage prepaid, to any ad-  
dress in Canada or the United States for \$1.50.  
Orders can now be sent in.

### Our Prize Essay.

Our prize of \$10.00, given for the best essay  
on "The best and most practical method of pre-  
serving timber used for building and fencing pur-  
poses," has been won by Mr. P. E. Bucke, of  
Ottawa, Ont.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for "the best  
plan, description and specifications of a cow  
stable, 60 feet long by 30 feet, with walls of con-  
crete." This plan must be in this office on or  
before the 6th February next.

### The Month.

Perhaps the month just past may have been the  
mildest December yet experienced in Ontario. We  
do not remember a milder one. Stock have been  
seen in many fields at Christmas. Very little fuel  
has been required in comparison with other years.  
The roads have not been as good as when we have  
had sleighing, but such a crowded display as the  
Christmas market afforded has never before been  
seen in this city. The prices received for all kinds  
of farm produce were higher than usual, and pur-  
chasers were more than usually fastidious about  
procuring the best. The large purchases made by  
mechanics and the laboring classes were a sufficient  
guarantee that money was easy. The store-  
keepers had a rich harvest, an immense number of  
handsome presents having been purchased by  
farmers and citizens. The crowded state of the  
shops was such a sight as we never before wit-  
nessed. In many of the shops the business was  
kept up until midnight; in some lines of goods the  
stocks were entirely exhausted. A deserving poor  
or needy person would be a difficult object to find.  
In speaking to the Mayor of the city, he said there  
was no distress in the city. We think it would be  
difficult to find any city in the world where such  
a state of plenty and prosperity pervades the  
whole mass of the people as in this city. We  
never have seen or heard of anything to equal it.  
We should be pleased to hear such reports from  
every city and hamlet in this Dominion. We be-  
lieve that peace and plenty prevail in our land.  
We should be thankful to the Giver.

The winter wheat is looking well. Stock are  
thriving. There has been a full share of fall plow-  
ing done, and there exists plenty of fodder for  
stock to withstand the coldest and latest spring we  
have ever experienced.

If you have not finished your marketing, do not  
think of keeping over a lot of grain. Prices are  
good. Sell all you can spare, but feed all your  
coarse grain to your stock, that is, if you have  
suitable stock to feed it to. If you have all your  
building and fencing material on the ground, your  
spring seed ready, implements and buildings all in  
order, and your ice-house ready to receive the ice  
when it freezes sufficiently thick (we expect you  
will have it thick enough before the 1st of March)  
—if all the above are attended to, and you live  
near a city, town or village, perhaps you might

find it profitable to devote a few days in drawing  
home a little manure. You have some land that  
would be improved by a little more manure. Get  
stable manure if you can; if not, see if you can  
get some gas lime, and if this cannot be had, per-  
haps you can get leached ashes for a trifle. Fail-  
ing in any of these, perhaps you can get up a pile  
of swamp muck. Some of our Maritime Province  
subscribers can procure useful mud or sand. We  
wish our subscribers to secure as much of such  
material as they can. Purchase loads of manure  
of any kind, and secure a long engagement for the  
supply obtainable at hotels and slaughter-houses.  
The enrichment of your land is the best bank stock  
you can invest in. We have never seen a farm  
that was too rich to satisfy us—have you? We  
have seen many that are too poor to own.

Some of you can get sawdust to use as bedding  
or as an absorbent of the liquid manure. Some of  
you may be able to secure lime, which is one of  
the best fertilizers when it can be procured at  
moderate cost. Teams are not generally busy  
now; it might pay to go longer distances and give  
more for manure now. When summer comes you  
will have all the work you want to attend to on  
your own farm.

If your horses have been kept up without a run,  
you might find it beneficial to give them a clay sod  
to nibble at occasionally. We know some of you  
have not a good warm place for your hens, not as  
good as you should have; neither have they a nice  
bed of dry sand to scratch in, and perhaps neither  
lime nor shells in reach. Just see to it if you want  
early eggs and profit from your hens.

Subscribers are desired to send the name and  
address of any farmer who should take the FAR-  
MER'S ADVOCATE, and a sample copy will be at  
once mailed free to him. As our subscription lists  
swell, so greater improvements can be made. Our  
receipts so far for 1882 have been greater than any  
previous year. We thank our subscribers for their  
efforts, and ask for their continued support and  
good will.

"YES OR NO."—Having made a very liberal ar-  
rangement with the publishers of the handsome  
crayon by the world-renowned J. E. Millais, R. A.,  
entitled "Yes or No," we are now enabled to  
offer a copy of this fine picture as a prize to any  
subscriber who sends in one new name for 1882,  
with \$1.00.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE AND HOME MAGAZINE  
contains 36 pages this issue. As promised,  
this journal will, except during the dullest season,  
be enlarged at times to meet the requirements of  
the season and valuable information on hand, and  
will be much improved during 1882 in many  
respects.

A few volumes of 1880 still on hand, and can be  
obtained at \$1.50 each per mail.