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1.—No award will be made unless one essay at least comes up to the standard for publication.

2.—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.

3.—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, but the payment will be in agricultural books. First prize essayists may choose books or money, or part of both. Selections of books from our advertised list must be sent in not later than the 15th of the month in which the essays appear. Second prize essayists may order books for any amount not exceeding \$3.00, but no balance will be remitted in cash. When first prize essayists mention nothing about books, we will remit the money.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *The Treatment and Care of Manure During the Feeding Season to Render it Available for Use the Coming Spring or Summer.* Essay to be in this office not later than the 15th day of October.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on *Whether is July or October the better month for holding Agricultural Exhibitions in Manitoba and the Western Territories.* Essay to be in this office not later than the 15th of November.

We want Good, Live AGENTS to Canvass for the "Farmer's Advocate" in every locality in the Dominion and United States. Sample copies and subscription blanks free to canvassers who mean business.

Anthrax.

In the vicinity of Killarney several cattle died recently with symptoms quite new to all in the locality and the general supposition was that they were poisoned. Later, however, a veterinary surgeon looked into the matter and pronounced it anthrax. Fifteen have died at Killarney up to date and several at or near Morden, but just how many it is impossible for us at this time to say. This disease is highly contagious, and unless the carcasses of those dying with it are cremated or buried deeply, not less than six feet, and quick lime used in liberal quantities, the disease will spread far and wide, the bacteria surviving even the extreme cold of our winters. It is to be hoped that no stone will be left unturned to stamp out this disease in the infested localities.

On the Wing.

OUR FOURTH TRIP TO MANITOBA.

Deeming it judicious to visit our branch office in Winnipeg we came through the States to enable us to form our opinions from personal observations. We stopped at Chicago, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. Formerly St. Paul was considered too far north to amount to much; now the large number of fine streets, large, handsome, substantial wholesale houses and private residences, the busy hum of trade is to us even more interesting than that of the marvellous city of Chicago. Notwithstanding this, Minneapolis, only ten miles distant from St. Paul, has already exceeded it in extent of business, handsome buildings and population, the latter city claiming 200,000 residents. Why, let me ask, are not cities as large and populous to spring up in Manitoba and in our Western Territories? The wheat crops have built these large cities. We left Minneapolis in the evening and awoke in Dakota in the morning. Here we noticed the wheat crop, a little of which was stacked, but the greater part was in the shock. What struck us most forcibly was the long distance between shocks. They stood very thin upon the ground, but with well filled heads the straw, we judge, would not yield more than eight to fifteen bushels per acre. As soon as we reached the Red River Valley, and in all parts of Manitoba that we passed through, the shocks were much thicker. Over nearly the whole of Manitoba there seemed to be twice as many shocks to the acre as in Dakota, and frequently four times as many. Winnipeg, despite the crushing injury done to it by the land boomers years ago, now shows unmistakable signs that progress has set in; properties are increasing in value. Eighty thousand dollars was paid for one block just after our arrival. One

lot that had been sold for \$5,000 but a few weeks ago could this day be sold for \$15,000. Winnipeg is the main city in this great and growing country. Confidence is restored. Growth may be looked for in all the villages and towns, and increased values in land throughout the whole of our western country.

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A WORD TO AGENTS.

Farmers' Sons and Daughters, Students and Teachers.

Any honest, thrifty person, male or female, can earn good wages and obtain regular employment canvassing for new subscribers to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. This is honorable work, benefitting the subscriber, the agent and the publisher.

The past year has been a very successful one with us. Our subscription list has grown very rapidly. Our paper is daily becoming more popular all over the Dominion. The regular agents now in our employ are doing exceedingly well, earning for themselves, above expenses, from \$30 to \$100 per month, depending on the energy and industry of the individual. One of our regular men frequently clears \$70 per week. He will clear, one month with another throughout the year, \$100 per month. With a little practice any man equally industrious and earnest could do as well. At what business, without capital invested, can you do as well? Beginning with September we will give to all new paid-up subscribers the balance of this year and 1891 for \$1.00; for \$1.25 we will give the ADVOCATE for the same period and one copy of our splendid picture, "Canada's Pride." With such inducements as these we trust our friends will send us many new names between now and Christmas. If possible start to work immediately, before the other papers are in the field.

The following cash commissions are given to all our agents: From 10 to 20 names, 25c. each; 20 to 50 names, 35c. each; 50 to 100 names and upwards, 40c. each. Special terms will be made with those who wish to canvass continually. Last season a farmer and his daughter earned \$180 in ten days taking new subscribers for us. Those who would sooner receive live stock or implements than cash commissions can be supplied advantageously. See our prize list advertised in other columns. We will guarantee the safe arrival of every animal and article, and will further guarantee that all prizes will be of good quality and satisfactory in every respect.

The Saltcoats creamery is making from ten to twelve hundred pounds of butter per week from three hundred and fifty cows. The quality produced is pronounced by Winnipeg commission men equal to the best in the Northwest. The cream is gathered twice a week, and the circuit takes in a radius of twenty-five miles.