

best essay on THE BEST METHOD OF BRINGING UP THE CONDITION OF OUR FARMS WITH THE MATERIAL AT OUR DISPOSAL ON THE FARM ITSELF. The decision of the adjudicators is given below:—

The undersigned having been requested to act as adjudicators on the essays forwarded in competition for the prize on "The best method of bringing up the condition of our Farms with the material at our disposal on the farm itself," beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the said Essays, which numbered eleven in all. We have found several of them highly creditable to our farming population, to which the authors plainly belong, both as showing the effort they are making to improve in their profession, and also the ability to express themselves on paper; but we regard Numbers 5 and 8 as the best, and of nearly equal merit. The latter shows the most literary finish, but the former though more homely in style, we deem the best suited to the object for which the competition has been invited, and, therefore, agree in awarding it the prize.

New Glasgow, 15th Dec., 1884.

GEORGE PATTERSON.
HARRY TOWNSEND.

On the envelopes containing the names of the writers being opened, No. 5 was found to be by Mr. John McKay, of Riverton, and No. 8 by Rev. A. C. McDonald of Bayfield. The *Eastern Chronicle* congratulates their young friend on his success, and will next week publish his essay either in whole or part.

MESSRS. KEELING & HUNT'S Apple Catalogues show the following sales at Public Auction made by them of Nova Scotian, Canadian, and American Apples, in London:—

November 18th, 1884.

	BARRELS.
Nova Scotian Apples, ex Australia.....	1516
Canadian, ex Escalona.....	485
American, ex Durham City.....	195

November 25th.

Nova Scotian, ex York City.....	1900
American, ex Sarnatian.....	259
" ex City of Berlin.....	91
" ex Oregon.....	50
" ex Sarnatian.....	59

The following arrivals of APPLES at Liverpool from Nova Scotia are noticed in Messrs. Green & Whineray's circulars:

	BARRELS.
Nov. 1st, 1884—per Nova Scotian from Halifax.....	372
Nov. 15th per Hanoverian from Halifax.....	130
" 22nd—per Caspian from Halifax.....	463
Total arrivals of Canadian and American Apples at Liverpool this season to 25th November.....	221,503

Prices have not varied much from quotations given in last number of the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE.

BELCHER'S FARMERS' ALMANACK for 1885. Halifax: McAlpine & Barnes. Sold by all Booksellers in the Province. Price, 12 cents.

Belcher's Farmers' Almanack has been a Household Book in the Province so long, and has been so familiar to the eyes of successive generations, that to point out its merits to the people of Nova Scotia would be like a clumsy attempt to whitewash the Gilded Lily of Japan. We content ourselves, therefore with merely announcing, for the information of our readers, that the Almanack for 1885, fully stored with all the information likely to be required during the year for the purposes of business and pleasure, and contact generally with the outer world, is now published and for sale. In this edition the facts and figures appear to be amplified, and in some cases are more concisely arranged than in previous issues. The full local obituary notes in Calendar form a new feature. The foot notes on Farming will remind our Agriculturists of the special work to be done in each month of the year.

Gillivale, Inverness County, }
August 26th, 1884. }

DEAR SIR,—I am requested by the Society to correspond with you in order to ascertain, if possible, where to procure "Thoroughbred Bulls" and Rams, Durham or Ayrshire "Bulls" preferred. The Society probably would need no less than 10 Rams and 5 Bulls. As for the sheep, I have no names for the different grades, but will entirely leave it to your own judgment which kind would be the most suitable. Would you be pleased to publish in the September number of the JOURNAL that the Strathlorne Agricultural Society want to buy no less than 10 Rams (the grade or name of sheep I would leave to yourself to say), the best kind of improved sheep obtainable in Nova Scotia.

A. J. GILLIS,

Secretary Strathlorne Ag'l Society.

[See advertisement in this number.]

[ADVERTISEMENT.]

ATTENTION is directed to the prizes offered for competition by the Canada Chemical Manure and Fertilizer Company of Rothesay, New Brunswick. They offer in money—first competition open to all farmers in New Brunswick—\$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10, for the best half-acre of potatoes, and the same for turnips; and \$20 for the best acre of oats. Entries to be made by the 15th January, 1885. Second competition is confined to all the Agricultural Societies of the Maritime Provinces; \$30 to be given to each society for the best quarter of an acre of potatoes; \$50 to each Province, to be competed for by the winner of each society prizes, and \$50 to be competed for by the three winners from the Provinces,

so as to determine the best yield in Maritime Provinces. This strengthens the hands of all agricultural societies, and will be probably followed up by further prizes if advantage is taken of this liberal offer. The object is to stimulate farmers to raise large crops on small areas instead of running over so much land as they now do. A series of prizes is also arranged for those who may not be within reach of a society. This competition has grown out of the late one at Kingston, Kings Co., held by the Union Society whose excellent results were obtained from a similar course. It is surprising what can be raised off a small piece of land by high cultivation, as has been proved by the experiments of the Rural New York Farm, which has some three hundred acres devoted to this purpose. As our people must see the importance of farming and farming to a profit, we hope the competition may be a keen one and shall look anxiously for the result. The judges will be appointed in each district by the local society and for the Maritime prize the Provincial Board of Agriculture of N.B. will be asked to name judges.

Advertisements.

Resolution of Provincial Board of Agriculture,
3rd March, 1882.

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