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A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *The Management of Agricultural Exhibitions*. Essay to be in this office by the 10th of October.

We want Live, Active AGENTS in every County throughout the Dominion and the Northwestern States to Canvas for the Farmer's Advocate. We will give regular and profitable employment to capable persons, either male or female. Write for terms.

Editorial.

Editorial Notes.

We have been told on several occasions that certain patrons insist on taking cream from the milk sent to cheese factories. It is painful for inspectors to make an example of such persons, nevertheless it is their duty. It is bad enough for the patron furnishing No. 1 milk, the product of well-fed and well-bred cows, to be compelled to pool his goods with that obtained from half starved beasts, and it aggravates the first injustice when the second is inflicted. Read the article by Dairyman, which was received too late for last issue.

In our next issue we will speak plainly regarding some of the very objectionable features at our great shows. We do not wish to throw cold water on any of these institutions, but we wish to improve them; to make them more useful to our farmers; to give our farmers and breeders their true place. New associations are being formed; to these belong rights and privileges not yet acknowledged by many of our Fair managers. To our breeders and feeders are due respect, as yet seldom given. Space forbids us dealing with these matters in this issue.

The sweepstake prize given in the sheep department at the Provincial Fair by John S. Pearce & Co. for the best general purpose flock, consisting of four yearling ewes, four ewe lambs and a ram, was won by J. G. Snell & Bro., Edmonton, Ont., with a flock of Cotswolds, all of which were imported English prize winners, and were a very good lot, especially the lambs. Next came Mr. John Campbell's flock of Shropshires, all of which were imported but two ewe lambs. This lot contained several of the plums of the shows of 1889 in the Shropshire class. Next came Mr. Peter Arkell's Oxfords, all imported but one, a yearling ram. A large, good lot they were. A most creditable exhibit was made by Mr. Wm. Whitelaw, Guelph, with a flock of his well known and much admired Border Leicesters, all bred by himself. They were a splendid lot, and we thought deserved a little more attention from the judges than they received. Mr. Whitelaw deserves great credit for the pluck he showed in manfully fighting this battle for the Leicester breeders. If the Southdown and Lincoln breeders had had as plucky a representative they would have made a good fight for this splendid prize. As it was neither Lincolns nor Southdowns were represented. The fight seemed to be between Mr. Campbell's and Messrs. Snell's flock from the first. The yearling sheep in both lots were good, but Mr. Campbell's lambs were a little under size, while Messrs. Snell's were very large and handled exceedingly well. The judges were Mr. Frank Shore, White Oak, Mr. Teasdall, Thornhill, and Mr. John Hope, Brantford.

Our Manitoba and Northwest Edition.

We sent two of our staff to Manitoba during the past summer, who were so favorably impressed with the country and the advantages presented to the farmers and stock breeders, that we have determined to open an office in Winnipeg, and there make the headquarters of our Western Edition, which will be issued monthly. It will in no way interfere with our regular edition, which will be known as our Ontario and Eastern Edition. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE is, as it has been for more than a decade, by far the most widely circulated agricultural paper in Canada. Few in America have an equal circulation, and adding, as we now do, this Western Edition to our regular issue, we place the ADVOCATE in a position far above any Canadian or American paper as an advertising medium for the stock-raiser or manufacturer.

Our Northwest edition starts out under most favorable conditions—it already has a circulation in Manitoba and the Territories far in excess of any other agricultural paper, and has been most heartily received by the western farmers. The Canadian Northwest is destined to be a great grain-growing and stock-raising country. Its inhabitants will require large quantities of implements and large numbers of live stock for breeding purposes. These they must obtain largely from eastern manufacturers and breeders. Our Western Edition will be found a most excellent medium to bring the buyer and seller together. It will be conducted, as the ADVOCATE has ever been, in a spirited and independent manner.

The Coming Year.

We have completed arrangements for 1890, and can assure our readers that the FARMER'S ADVOCATE AND HOME MAGAZINE will be made more useful and attractive than ever before. We have added to our editorial staff some of the very best writers on agriculture and live stock. Among our practical and scientific writers are Messrs. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont.; Mr. John Dryden, M.P., Brooklin, Ont.; Francis Green, Innerkip, Ont.; J. Y. Ormsby, V. S., Springfield-on-the-Credit; Richard Gibson, Delaware; Professor James Robertson, and all our old contributors and a number of specialists in our various departments. Mr. C. H. Sweetapple, V. S., who has been for twenty years Secretary and Registrar of the Ontario Veterinary Association, and one of the examiners at the Ontario Veterinary College, also Government stock inspector and practitioner, in South Ontario, and who is one of the most highly educated and best veterinary authorities and writers in America, has been induced to leave his practice in Oshawa, Ont., and settle at 828