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Editor's Talk

A SHORT time ago we offered two prizes for essays which would be valuable to both manufacturers and mechanics. The first was a \$25 Cash Prize for an essay on "Canada's Most Profitable Manufacturing Industry." This has been won by Mr. R. C. Reade, Huntley Apartments, Toronto. A second essay, by Mr. W. A. Craik, Toronto, is almost as good, and is awarded a special cash prize. The first prize essay is printed in this issue.

The second offer was a prize of \$20 for the best essay on "Canada's Greatest Manufacturing City." According to the competitors, this honour should go to either Oshawa, Hamilton or Amherst. The best essay, however, is that of Mr. W. A. Craik, on the claims of Oshawa to this honour, and it is consequently awarded the first prize. The essay by Lucy F. Logan, of Amherst, is so good that we have decided to give it a special prize and publish it later on. Mr. Craik's first-prize essay will appear in our issue of April 5th.

The excellent results of this competition lead us to offer another prize for an essay on a related subject. We will give \$25 for the best fifteen-hundred-word article on "The Ambition of the Canadian Mechanic," to be written by a mechanic. This competition will be decided wholly on the merits of the ideas advanced, not upon literary style. Essays need not necessarily be type-written, and unsuccessful contributions will be returned if a request is made. We would like to see one hundred mechanics compete, so that the people may be told through this national weekly just what the mechanic desires to make of himself, of the body to which he belongs, and of the country in which he is a citizen.

Have you made a nomination for our educational competition? Already more than fifty girls are at work and others will start soon. Every deserving girl will be rewarded. This will be one of the greatest competitions, with the largest total rewards, ever held in Canada, so the Contest Manager says. We have every confidence in him. The list of competitors will be found on another page.

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