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AS an inducement to our readers to give us their opinions on this important subject, we have determined to offer them two advertising prizes—1st prize to consist of \$5 worth of advertising, and one copy of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL to any address for one year; the second to consist of \$2.50 worth of advertising and a copy of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL to any address for one year.

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Our Prize Essays.

IN another column of THE JOURNAL will be found the two very valuable articles—one from the pen of Mr. Deadman, of Brussels, and the other from that of Mr. Whiteside, of Little Britain, Ont.,—both of them on the subject of "The Preservation of Combs for Future Use," to one of which was awarded our first prize for the best and most practical article on this important subject. Both articles were submitted to the consideration of Mr. Pringle, who, after the most careful consideration of their contents from a practical point of view, adjudged the first prize to Mr. Deadman, and the second to Mr. Whiteside. The articles have

already appeared in our edition of the 15th June last; but the value of their suggestions induces us to reprint them in this issue of THE JOURNAL, for the information not only of those whose names have since been added to our list, but of those also who may possibly need to have their attention recalled to them.

Artificial Bee Pasture.

WHILST many apiarists have determined that artificial bee pasture does not pay, I am nevertheless thoroughly convinced, after a visit to the apiary of Mr. McArthur, Yonge St., Toronto, that it can be made to pay even in cities. Mr. McArthur appears to be a persistent advocate of artificial bee pasture, and has successfully devoted some years to practical experiment in that direction, using Bokhara clover, Viprus Bueglos and Catnip Seed for the purpose. I think I am quite safe in saying that he has sown nearly, if not quite, one hundred acres with Bokhara clover alone, within reach of his bees. He is now engaged in taking off comb honey and extracting it, just as we do in the basswood or clover season. Without this artificial pasture he could not have succeeded in keeping his two or three hundred colonies in such active condition as he does. I would consequently again recommend those who reside in sections of the country where they can conveniently sow Bokhara clover, to have it well scattered over all waste lands within reach of their bees. Of course, no returns can be anticipated during the first year, as the plant is biennial; after that, however, I don't see that money could be better expended, if the locality is at all favorable for the reception and growth of the seed.

A New Departure in Packing.

HAVING had some transactions with a cork manufacturer doing quite an extensive business, and observing the immense waste of cuttings used as fuel, I suggested the construction of a machine for "granulating" the cuttings (as cork manufacturers term it), under the impression that bee-keepers throughout the Dominion might be