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**Our Subscription Prizes.**

We again draw the attention of our readers to the subscription prizes offered in the April issue, page 119. We have a large number of Cinnamon Vines and packages of the seed of the Weather Plant left, but we cannot send out any more of the Early Six Weeks Market Potato.

**Hard Times in California.**

We believe that times in Canada are hard, but not as hard as they are in the whole of the United States. Great numbers are out of employment in San Francisco. Multitudes everywhere are out of work all over the country, and great destitution is existing among them. Hundreds are being fed daily by charity, and half starved at that. So it would appear that California is as much under a cloud as any other part of the States. Farmers, wine-growers and fruit-raisers are not prosperous or making money; yet, great numbers are going there all the time. The big ranchers are subdividing the farms into smaller allotments, and selling at big figures. These are the only men who are making money.

**NOTICE.**

The January, February or March numbers of the Farmer's Advocate cannot be supplied to new subscribers; our stock is completely exhausted. All subscriptions will hereafter start at date of receiving the order to send the paper.

**The Report of the Dominion Experimental Farms.**

We have just received from Ottawa the annual report of the Dominion Experimental Farms for 1889. It contains particulars concerning each of the farms, and an account of the work done on each, also a detailed account of the experiments conducted, besides a great deal of valuable reading matter concerning the various departments. The Government have issued one hundred and fifty thousand copies for free distribution. We would advise every one of our readers to obtain a copy and read it carefully. They may be had from any Member of Parliament or from Prof. Wm. Saunders, Ottawa. Every farmer who applies is entitled to one free copy.

**Winnipeg Exhibition.**

Thanks to the energetic action of the leading business men of Winnipeg, we are likely to have an exhibition this fall, and from all indication at present a permanent annual exhibition. A by-law to raise \$3,000 for the purpose of purchasing grounds and erecting buildings is now about to be submitted to the ratepayers of the city, and those in the best position to know feel certain that it will be carried. The Government, when waited on by the citizens' committee, at first hesitated to grant aid, and, in fact, positively declined to do so. The committee then obtained a hearing from the committee on agriculture, which is largely composed of agriculturists, and through their recommendation a grant of \$7,500 was made. The city members made strong speeches in favor of the exhibition as well. The only possibility of failure now is that the electors defeat the by-law. Of this, however, as previously stated, there seems to be no danger, as the leading men and the local press are a unit in its favor. The feeling seems to be that the exhibition must be held in the city and not in the suburbs as formerly. Previous failures are attributed, to a certain extent, to that fact. While an exhibition will doubtless prove beneficial to Winnipeg, it should be equally so to other parts of the Province. We hope to see it an eminent success.

The so called lumpy jaw is exercising quite a controversy among our exchanges across the lines, and it is not yet decided whether it is infectious or not.

In a late estimate of the beef cattle of the United States, which places the number at 36,000,000, only 3,600,000, or ten per cent., are classed as good to choice. In this case, the fine stock breeders have plenty of work cut out for them in the necessary improvement.

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**Our Dairy Prize for 1890.**

We are pleased to inform Mr. Rice and others (see page 146), who do not fully understand how the dairy test was conducted at London last year, that the cows were watched night and day. The instructions to the guard was to allow no one to enter the stables, except at the stipulated hours: even then the attendants must be accompanied by an officer. All necessary work was ordered to be done under guard. Mr. Rice asks, "Do the rules of this test give the value of the different properties required to make first-class cheese." Most assuredly they did, and always will. Every property in the milk was valued at what practical and scientific men considered a just and proper valuation. If the rules governing last year's test are carefully read they will make this quite clear to any one. The whole of the rules may be summed up thus. The prize will be given to the herd producing the greatest profits in milk and milk solids for food consumed. This is the test, and this alone. Last year, Prof. Robertson, and leading practical dairymen of large experience, formed the rules governing the test. This year these rules will be taken as a basis. Prof. Robertson and others will meet the representatives of the various cattle breeders associations at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, at one o'clock, June 6th, 1890, and with their assistance and co-operation adopt rules to govern this year's test. We hope the breeders, whether belonging to any of the associations or not, will take a lively interest in this matter. The members of the Holstein Breeders' Association have already appointed delegates. We ask that the other associations may do likewise. Gentlemen who are not appointed delegates, or are owners of breeds that have no Canadian association, are cordially invited to attend, and will have an equal voice with those otherwise appointed.

The test will take place this year at the Toronto Industrial, and will be conducted with the greatest care. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE will give silver plate, worth \$65, as a first prize; the Toronto Industrial Association will add \$30 cash as a second prize, and \$20 as a third prize. We look forward to this as likely to be one of the most interesting and valuable tests ever conducted in America. We feel amply repaid for our expenditure of last year. The discussions, which have taken place in our columns during the last few months, have brought a great deal of useful information to light. Thousands of our readers doubtless have a much fuller knowledge of the various dairy breeds than ever before, and thousands have had their interest awakened, many of whom must have been convinced that cattle bred for a specific purpose were much more profitable than scrubs. It is to be hoped that Jerseys, Ayrshires, Holsteins, Galloways, Greenseys and Shorthorns, will all compete this year.