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- 1.—No award will be made unless one essay at least comes up to the standard for publication.
- 2.—The essays will be judged by the ideas, arguments, conciseness and conformity with the subject, and not by the grammar, punctuation or spelling, our object being to encourage farmers who have enjoyed few educational advantages.
- 3.—Should one or more essays, in addition to the one receiving the first prize, present a different view of the question, a second prize will be awarded, but the payment will be in agricultural books. First prize essayists may choose books or money, or part of both. Selections of books from our advertised list must be sent in not later than the 15th of the month in which the essays appear. Second prize essayists may order books for any amount not exceeding \$3.00, but no balance will be remitted in cash. When first prize essayists mention nothing about books, we will remit the money.

Our prize of \$5 has been awarded to R. Gibson, Delaware, for the best essay on *Soiling Cattle, Partial Soiling or Grazing*.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *The Cheapest and Most Profitable Manner of Keeping Cattle during the Summer Months on High-priced Land*. Essay to be in this office by the 10th of June.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *Summer and Fall Care of Pastures, giving the results of useful experiments with pasture lands*. Essay to be in this office by the 10th of July.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *How Shall we Best Protect our Flocks from the Ravages of the Dog*. Essay to be in this office by the 10th of August.

## Editorial.

### Toronto Industrial Fair.

The prize lists for the Toronto Industrial Fair, which will be held from the 9th to the 21st September next, have been issued, and can be procured by any one desiring them, by sending a postal card to the Secretary, Mr. H. J. Hill, Toronto. Changes have been made in several of the clauses, in the way of increasing the premiums, and in special prizes. The Association expect to erect new stables and enlarge their grounds during the summer, particulars of which will be given later.

### Our North-west Excursions.

To those having a desire to see something of our country whether with the idea of emigration or otherwise, the excursion rates advertised in this issue give all a rare opportunity to view our North-west for themselves. One learns so much more by actual observation than by merely hearing or reading; and knowledge is power. Those that can afford it will be profited by the trip. We intend to go personally, or send a representative to that part of our Dominion about that time, and hope to furnish you with information that will be of benefit to you whether you go or stay. The rates are so low that it will enable many to take advantage of these excursions. It will pay all to go who can.

### On the Wing.

Ottawa, or Bye-Town, as it was called when we first came to Canada, was then celebrated for its locks—at that time the main communication to the west. Railroads and the improvement of the St. Lawrence have now diverted the traffic from it. It was, and still is, the great lumbering centre of Canada. No one could imagine the immense quantities to be seen there, from a written description, or hardly from statistics. The magnificent parliament buildings, and the large amounts expended necessary to maintain an army of officials, is sufficient to maintain a city alone. The immense saw-mills are worthy of a special visit. The rafting of logs, sawing and handling of lumber, gives employment to thousands. We went through the establishment of one of our lumber kings, namely, that of Mr. E. B. Eddy, who employs about 3,500 hands. Many are in the shanties getting out timber, others rafting, others sawing; but the most interesting part to the ladies is the match-factory. When the machinery accomplishes its work, hundreds of girls and young women are employed to pack the matches into

boxes. Our guide stopped at one place and pointed out a neat, active young woman: "That," said he, "is the best hand in our employ; she is a deaf mute." While we were there, new machinery was started to make pulp. The spruce logs are, by great power, ground to powder, and then manufactured into household utensils, which for many purposes surpass metal and crockery. For dairy purposes it appears destined to surpass anything now in use for resisting taints, as the pulp when finished is impregnable, even to the soakage of grease or coal oil. Butter-makers, who really make a first-rate article and wish to place it in the hands of the consumer at gilt-edge prices, should write to Mr. Eddy and obtain circulars and prices, and have packages made of such a size and pattern as the market demands, and have their own name or trade mark on each of the packages. There will be money in it for the enterprising dairymen.

### Our Cousins.

Having briefly furnished you with some general accounts of our journeys at various times—when we have ascended above the clouds—descended to the lowest depths of our gold and coal mines—having caught fish in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and gathered raisins and oranges in the sunny climes,—we will hereafter write more minutely of important points. We find that there are immense numbers dissatisfied with their lots, whether in the north or south, and that there is an immense migration going on from both—some going north, some going south, the majority going west, and many returning to the east. The object of many agents is the profit they can make on railroad fares; others have made it an object to boom localities for lawyer's fees or hotel pickings. We find large numbers of Canadians and British subjects in the United States, although possessed with an inborn patriotism and a strong admiration for the British laws and constitution; we by no means despise the free, open and frank spirit that prevails among the most intelligent of our American neighbors. We have always found them friendly and courteous, and always exhibiting a kindly feeling towards Canadians. It is also our opinion that there are as many loyal British subjects in the United States as there are in Canada. Believing that it will be of interest and importance to our readers, we purpose giving a little information about our cousins. Necessarily with this object in view, we sent one of our staff for a short trip into Michigan. (See account in another part of this publication.) We hope, by friendly overtures, to be able to awaken a more friendly and harmonious feeling than can be done by cannon balls.