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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.

A prize of \$5 has been awarded to Mr. W. A. Hale, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., for the best essay on *How Shall we Best Protect our Flocks from the Ravages of the Dog.*

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on *The Most Successful System of Feeding and Caring for Cows in Stables in Autumn and Winter, Having Special Regard for Purity of the Product.* Essay to be in this office by the 10th of September.

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.

Until dogs are legislated out of existence, or a new class of dog-owners arises, these pests will be a great drawback to sheep-raising.

### Editorial.

#### Low Railroad Rates.

We have, during the past few months, devoted some time to endeavoring to obtain from the various railroad companies as advantageous rates from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and intermediate points, for those who wish to visit the western part of Ontario, as has been given to induce our inhabitants to visit other places on all parts of the continent. We have frequently called attention to this western portion of Ontario as the finest agricultural part of the continent, which statement the existence of numerous large and successful agricultural exhibitions tends to prove. Many would like to visit Western Ontario to secure good farm stock. Many would see advantages here that have not been realized elsewhere, although glowingly painted on distributed literature, and by means of which so many have been misled, and realized the fact when too late. The cities of London and Toronto each appointed delegates from their civic bodies to act with us in endeavoring to secure low rates during the holding of our exhibitions, and we are pleased to inform you that we have been able to make a slight impression, and that better rates will be given this year than heretofore. But the world was not made in a day. The M. C. R. (or Canada Southern) and C. P. R. have courteously listened and acceded partially to our request.

#### Our Stock Prizes.

During the past year we have awarded some valuable stock prizes to farmers, as a reward for sending us new subscribers. In this way we have been able to put pure bred animals in neighborhoods where they have not previously been well represented, thereby doing good to the pure bred trade, as well as to the winners and the neighborhood to which they have gone. We intend to continue these prizes during the remainder of this year and 1890. See the list now offered in the advertising columns, page 295. This list will be much enlarged during the coming year. All the animals offered are from the flocks and herds of well-known and very reliable breeders. When at Messrs. Green Bros., Innerkip, Ont., we were so much pleased with his recent importation of large Yorkshire pigs—which experts claim are the coming bacon hog—that we made arrangements whereby we can offer as a subscription prize, a pair of imported pigs or a pair bred from imported sire and dam, for seventy new subscribers. When sent out these pigs will be four months old or under. They are well bred and of good quality, and may be seen at the Toronto Industrial or Provincial Fair at Messrs. Green Bros. pens.

All our subscription prizes have given satisfaction wherever awarded. We guarantee satisfaction to all future winners.

### On the Wing.

(Continued from August number.)

On our return journey from Detroit we took one of the steamers running to Sarnia. We pass Belle Isle, which contains seven hundred acres of land. This is Detroit's park, and is connected with the city by a magnificent iron bridge. Ornamental bridges, islands and lakes are seen. In the lakes are beautiful pleasure boats. A gondola passes near to us. At the south end of the island carriages are seen driving in all directions, at the north end hundreds of men are at work—the wheelbarrow brigade is seen in long lines excavating more lakes, building mounds, roads, etc., etc. We pass through Lake St. Clair, and the canal to which the legislators of America have recently had their attention drawn. As we passed through there happened to be but two vessels in it, although the river and lake were literally swarming with them. The boat we were on was a fast one, and passed numerous craft. The St. Clair Flats cover a large extent of mileage, and consist of shallow waters, in which in many places rushes and flags grow. Along the main channel of the river on the American side numerous pleasure houses have been built on spiles driven into the mud below the water. Many wealthy Americans come here to fish and live on the water. A fine summer hotel is here, called the Oaklands. Grounds have been made around it, and it is a popular pleasure resort. The circuitous route of the river, the clear blue water, and the numerous vessels continually met, make this an enjoyable trip, one far surpassing in interest to us either of the world-renowned but dirty, black, stinking rivers, the Thames (Eng.) or Clyde. After about five hours of as pleasant a boat ride as ever we had, we land in Sarnia.

Detroit is the most progressive city on our frontier—in fact, taking everything into consideration, we would prefer to live there than in any other inland city in the Union. Windsor, *vis-a-vis*, although rapidly progressing, is but a mere shanty in comparison to Detroit. Sarnia is not yet as good as Windsor, and Port Huron, that is noised all over the States, is not in our estimation as well laid out, or as well kept up, nor as nice a place to live in as Sarnia.

Two miles from Sarnia there is a fine natural beach. A farmer living there had such a demand from visitors to spend a few days at his place he was under the necessity of adding building to building, until finally a company was formed to erect a summer hotel on his place. This is now completed, and is a commodious, comfortable summer resort, and at reasonable rates. In the