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#### Our Monthly Prize Essays.

##### CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION.

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 \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on "The Best Varieties of Small Fruits, and Methods of Cultivating the same." Essay to be in this office not later than the 15th of December.

Our prize of \$5.00 has been awarded Mr. Jas. Glennie, Portage la Prairie, Man., for the best essay on "Whether is July or October the better month for holding Agricultural Exhibitions in Manitoba and the Western Territories."

We want industrious, reliable, pushing men in every township in the Dominion, to canvass for us, and introduce our splendid Subscription Picture. Steady employment and good wages given to suitable men. Write for particulars.

#### The Past and the Future.

The present number closes the first volume of the Manitoba and Western edition of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. We wish to express our sincere thanks for the liberal and substantial support accorded us during the year. We have endeavored to make the ADVOCATE all that a farmer's paper should be; and to accomplish this end we have spared neither time nor money. As a reward for our labors we have to-day a circulation of more than double the combined issues of all the other agricultural papers circulating through Manitoba and the Northwest. Thus we have been successful in our efforts through the year. For our future numbers we can promise even better things than we have already achieved. We have now on our staff a large number of able writers, all of whom are practical and successful men, and specialists in the lines in which they write, and each department will be full of the most practical information. Therefore, our paper will be of the greatest interest to the greatest number. Unlike the ordinary newspaper, that must necessarily follow in the wake of this or that political party, it will be our highest aim to become the organ of the agriculturists of the country, and will ever be found ready to criticise any act, Dominion or Provincial, that may tend to injure that greatest of industries—Agriculture. Veterinary and other questions sent us will be answered by the best authorities.

#### THE HON. JOHN CARLING,

##### Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

In our January number, which we intend to make a very large and beautiful issue, we will give a short biography of the Hon. John Carling, who, through a long and active business career, has been one of Canada's most useful and generous sons. He has served his country faithfully for upwards of forty years, and in that time he has rendered most valuable services to agriculture, which will be fully enumerated in our January number. Along with this biography we will send, safely rolled in a tube, a beautiful chromo of Mr. Carling, 18x24 inches. This picture will be finely finished and printed on the best chromo paper, and will be worthy of a good frame and a place of honor on the walls of the homes of our Canadian people. We have had this portrait specially prepared for us. We will give a copy of it to every old and new subscriber. Send in all your new names at once, that all may receive a copy.

#### To Each of Our Advertisers.

Let us hear from you often; tell us what you buy and what you sell, and how your business is progressing; we will tell others and keep your name before the public. We are careful not to accept advertisements from men who do not bear good characters, therefore, we can honorably push the interests of all our patrons.

#### Our Subscription Prizes, and Terms to Agents.

During the last two years we have awarded a large number of subscription prizes. The poultry and live stock have given good satisfaction. All our prizes are bought from reliable men; we therefore warrant them in every particular. During the coming year we will continue to give fine stock and farm implements as heretofore. For particulars see page 413. We have completed arrangements whereby we can buy guns, watches and jewellery at the best wholesale rates, and will give our canvassers the full benefit of these prices. The watches, guns and jewellery we offer are standard goods, made by the best makers. See page 413 for terms and particulars. We want good, honest canvassers in every county throughout Canada. To those who prefer to work for cash, instead of live stock, or any other goods offered, we will give the following commissions: From 10 to 20 names, 25c. each; 20 to 50 names, 35c. each; 50 to 100 names and upwards, 40c. each. Send in the names each week, so that the subscribers may obtain copies soon after subscribing. It is not necessary for the cash to accompany each name when sent in. The money can be sent at intervals by post-office order, or by registered letter. The amount of commission allowed the agent will be determined by the total number of names sent in during the season, not by the number on any particular list. For instance, if an agent sends in a total of 100 new names, which he forwards on ten different occasions, his commission on these will be \$40. Some of our canvassers are clearing \$60 per month, above expenses; others are doing much better than this. Our terms are \$1.00 per year. As long as our September number lasts we will send a copy of it, and following months, to all new subscribers who desire them, or we will send the ADVOCATE for one year, together with a copy of our subscription picture, "Canada's Pride," for \$1.25. Write us for agent's outfit, which we furnish free. All agents will be responsible for the full amount of their subscription, less their commission.

#### Stock Gossip.

From lack of space we have been compelled to leave over a long list of stock gossip. Our January number will be issued at an early date. All gossip now on hand, and all sent us before the 10th of December, will appear in that issue, which we intend to make a large and handsome number, and will issue 10,000 extra copies, all of which will be mailed to leading farmers and breeders who are not now our subscribers.

To farm to the best advantage, it is necessary to eliminate the unprofitable work, grow such crops and keep and feed such stock as will return the best profit.