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EDITORIAL.

We are glad to be able to announce another prize essay competition. The Literary Society offer \$10 for the best essay on "The O. A. C. as a Link in our Educational System." The essays are not to exceed 1,500 words and are to be handed in to the Secretary, Mr Gibson, by April 1st. At least four must compete. The essay must be signed with a pseudonym, which with the writer's real name must be handed in under separate cover. The judges will be the Minister of Agriculture and Prof. Shaw.

All students, past and present, will be allowed to compete and we hope that a number of our very best writers will plume themselves for the occasion.

It is intended to publish the best essay in the REVIEW and in all the local, agricultural and leading daily papers of the Province, so

that the farmers may know what kind of work is being done here and a larger number of students be induced to attend, thereby benefiting the interests of the College and the whole Dominion.

It will be remembered that this prize was offered last year, but unaccountably no essays were handed in. Let this not occur again. A thoughtful man will see at once the immense influence a really first rate essay would have, and from such thoughtful men, those who have the agricultural interests of this fair Dominion closely at heart, we trust to receive excellent compositions, well worthy of immense circulation.

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With great feelings of regret we have to record a change in our staff of editors. Mr. Harris, our popular and talented local editor, has left and our hearty good wishes follow him to his farm home in British Columbia. His mantle has descended on the sturdy shoulders of Mr. F. A. Wilkin, who we fully believe will creditably fill his important position.

Agricultural.

Farm Fences.

The advisability of maintaining fences on the farm is a question which must soon receive the attention of all farmers. Already the most progressive are finding out that, like many other things on the farm, fencing does not pay. Fences yield no direct returns for the outlay. They are supposed to be a necessary expense in connection with stock raising, but how many farmers in estimating the proceeds from any branch of live stock, debit it with its share of the cost of the farm fences? It is doubtful whether much of the stock, as now kept, really pays, and if the cost of fencing is taken into account, as it should be, it is