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Notice to Prize Winners.

In order to meet the wishes of some of our important stock-breeders and others, we have decided to publish in the November issue a list of those who have obtained prizes at the recent leading Canadian Exhibitions. A nominal fee of 25 cents for each prize will be charged.

As the circulation of the ADVOCATE extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and reaches the best class of farmers, exhibitors will at once see the advantages offered.

Those who wish to avail themselves of our next month's issue for this purpose, will please send in their list not later than October 20th.

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 original essay on the following subject: *Can a Provincial Exhibition, purely Agricultural, be made Successful and Self-supporting?* Essays to be handed in not later than Oct. 15.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best original essay on *Winter Care of Cattle.* Essays to be handed in not later than Nov. 15.

Editorial.

On the Wing.

THE EXHIBITIONS.

We left the city of London on the 12th Sept. In this city greater expenditures are being made in the purchase of new exhibition grounds and the erection of new buildings than in any previous year. The new grounds embrace a very handsome and picturesque grove of the natural fine forest, that had been preserved for years; a large proportion of the trees have necessarily been removed, leaving blocks of the large, handsome native trees still remaining. This is a pleasing feature, which adds great beauty to the grounds such as we have not yet seen at any exhibition. This, with the new buildings and the numerous other attractions offered, should ensure a large attendance. In addition to this, the reputation that London has gained of having the best agricultural exhibition ever held on this continent, gives it a prestige which its citizens and the exhibition directors should strive to maintain, as London is near the lakes and is located in 100 square miles of the best agricultural land on this continent.

Duty calls us from personal attendance at this exhibition this year, as we are invited to visit so many in other parts of our Dominion.

We arrive in Toronto at noon. Here the Industrial Exhibition has been held during the past week and will continue the present week. This institution has been managed by an energetic body of directors, supported by the citizens, and this year has received the Dominion grant of \$10,000. The highest prizes are awarded here for first-class animals, and the result has been the assemblage of a great deal of the best stock from all parts, even beyond the limits of Ontario. Manitoba and Algoma make large exhibits of their products. Manitoba carried off one of the first prizes for butter, and made a strong fight to capture the spring wheat prize. Prize-winning animals from the Royal Agricultural Exhibition of England were here, and considerable other imported stock, but Canadians have not much to fear from that quarter, for not one-quarter of the stock that is imported would gain a prize at our exhibitions in fair contests. Canada can produce as good stock as can be raised in any part of the world. The exhibition of roots and cereals was not quite as good as usual on account of the unusual drouth of the past season. In fruits, no other country we have ever seen can make such a valuable and varied display of apples combining quality and keeping powers. In grapes, peaches, plums and melons the display was unusually good. At the Hamilton Exhibi-

tion the great fruit exhibit of Canada has always been a grand feature, and as it comes later, the fruits will be more fully ripened. The display of agricultural machinery was all that the most fastidious could ask for—astonishing even to those accustomed to exhibitions. Several new improvements were to be seen. The floral display was gotten up with more taste than usual. The attractions were a grand success. The Battle of Pekin, with woodwork 40 ft. high, and paintings to resemble a city fortification, hill, rocks and mountains a thousand feet high, with a real lake dug and vessels on it—this lit up by electricity, fireworks, cannon, etc., greatly pleased the beholders. The zoological exhibit, ladies and gentlemen racing, balloon ascension, acrobatic performances and four bands of music, gave great satisfaction. The crowd was so great that it is deemed necessary to enlarge the grounds. The receipts and attendance were larger than ever before, and the remarks were such as these: "It is the greatest show on earth"; "it beats all—no country can make such a show." An American said: "We are knocked into a cocked hat; we can not get up any such show as this in any part of our country." We will add that in no part of Great Britain or the continent of Europe could you assemble such an intelligent, well-behaved, well-informed or well-dressed mass of people. We moved through among all, and we heard not a single oath, did not see a drunken person, heard of no fight or fuss, and all were orderly as far as we saw.

We left on the 14th. We were at

THE HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION, MONTREAL, on the 15th. This exhibition appears to be quite a secluded affair, as we see no bills, posters or hardly any announcement about it, consequently, judging from our mid-day call, the attendance was very small. But the exhibit was very good. Such a fine display of horticultural products is rare in Canada. The wealthiest citizens had loaned from their conservatories, and every admirer of nature's grandeur must have been charmed with the great beauty and rarity of the most beautiful plants from tropical climes. It was worth a trip to Montreal to enjoy such a sight. We may differ from others, but this really pleasurable feast gave us more gratification than any part or all of the exhibition above alluded to. It is a pity that more could not see it, but crowds would not answer, as the delicacy of the foliage would be apt to be injured, unless protected. We take the evening train for

SHERBROOKE,

101 miles east of Montreal. This is one of the most prosperous cities in Quebec, situated in what is known as the Eastern Townships. There