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We have still a supply of our Illustrated Premium List. Send at once for a copy and win some of our useful and pleasing premiums before the 15th March,

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A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on "How Many Successive Crops of Green Fodder can be Raised in one Season." The essay must comprise the most suitable crops for both light and heavy soils, yield to be expected, and method of cultivating. The time for handing in this essay has been extended to the 15th February.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on the "Cheapest and Best Method of Fencing, and how can the cost of such be lessened." The essay to be accompanied by a rough sketch of the fence recommended. The time for sending in this essay has also been extended to the 15th March.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on *The Causes of the Recent Failure of the Clover Seed Crop*, in different parts of Canada, and the best suggestions for their remedy. The essays must be as brief as possible as to the causes, but must go thoroughly into the remedies. The essay must be sent in before the 15th April next.

The Farmer's Hand Book for 1884.

The Farmer's Hand Book was not issued quite as promptly as we promised. However, in a new undertaking, there is always some difficulties certain to arise which cause different arrangements, and longer time to overcome. We apologise for our delay, but see our way clear to avoid any extreme case in the future. We are exceedingly obliged for the liberal support accorded to our new venture, and hope year by year to make the Hand Book more useful and more serviceable to each Canadian farmer. We have still a few copies on hand, and those who have not already ordered had better do so at once. Copies also can be procured from leading newdealers.

What Our Subscribers Say,

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J. J.
Newry, Ont.

The New Year.

The subscribers to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE who have done so much in adding to the usefulness and influence of their own journal, besides swelling our subscription list from about 200 to an issue of over 20,000 copies, deserve as good fortune attends us to be taken into our confidence. And we are proud to tell you that the subscription list of this paper is now more than double the combined bona-fide subscription lists of all the other agricultural papers in Canada. We have much pleasure also in stating that our receipts up to date for 1884 have greatly surpassed any previous year. We are proud to say that our subscription list numbers the best in the land among its names in every rank and calling. We thank our noble band of subscribers sincerely. Our advertisers are men of honor, and their cards are honest and reliable announcements, fit to be read, deserving of attention, and when necessity demands, well deserving of your patronage. We still have need to encourage many others to read agricultural papers. Let us all do our duty to our neighbors, as well as to the noblest calling among men. We wish yourself and every member of your family "a Happy, prosperous and useful New Year." And still may we "Persevere and Succeed."

Nibs by the Way.

"A Happy New Year."
Now renew your subscriptions.
Care well for all young animals.
Don't freeze by green wood fires.
Did you repair barns, sheds, etc.?
Better keep a farm diary this year.
Get ready to secure a supply of ice.
No smoking in the barn, remember.
Never fail to fodder stock regularly.
Short Settlements make long friends.
Write for the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.
Let's see—did you build an ice-house?
Begin planning this year's operations.
Get plenty of rural books and journals.
Don't repeat any of last year's mistakes.
Close up your accounts for the past year.
Ask your friends to take the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.
Men who are born tired are not right down good farmers.
Frosted Feet—Rub the parts affected with kerosene every night. Use plenty of it and sit in front of a moderate fire while applying it. Three or four applications should complete the cure.