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In writing on any of the above subjects describe any new varieties; compare them with standard sorts.

Editorial.

A Word About Ourselves—Retrospective and Prospective.

The present issue of this paper closes the second volume of the Manitoba and Western Edition of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. In these two short years Manitoba has seen many changes. Last year was a fair one in some parts of the country, and a good one in others. The present year has been an unusually good one for all parts, notwithstanding minor difficulties in some few districts. It is a pleasure to the publishers of the ADVOCATE to be in a position to state that the measure of success that has crowned their efforts has been almost phenomenal. It is doubtful if any agricultural journal now, or at any other time published in Canada, ever obtained as large a number of subscribers or gained equal prestige in the same length of time that the Western Edition of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE has done. It has now a provincial and territorial circulation more than double that of all other agricultural papers combined. Its circulation is larger than that of any political paper published in Manitoba or the west except one. Such success as this is not obtained without effort. On the first page of Volume I. appears this sentence in referring to the establishing of this Edition:—“It will continue, as it ever has been, an independent, non-political agricultural paper, fearless in exposing that which is not right, or against the farmer's interests, and liberal in giving credit where credit is due, always and ever watchful for the farmer's interests, with no axes to grind.” No one conversant with the principles of the ADVOCATE will assert that this pledge has not been carried out. Sometimes on the spur of the moment our criticisms have been severe, but in no instance has it been shown that they have been unfair or astray. A summary of the advances made in agricultural institutions and associations in the past two years reads something like this: The establishment of one of the best systems of Farmers' Institutes in the world, the formation of the Central Farmers' Institute, formation of a Pure-bred Cattle Breeders' Association for Manitoba and the Territories, the Manitoba Poultry Association, and last, but not least, the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

In all of these matters the ADVOCATE has been an important factor, and in three out of the five important movements the prime factor. With a reputation so well established there is every reason to anticipate even greater success in the future than in the past. Among the questions that shall receive special attention in future will

be the extension and improvement of the organizations above specified and the development of others deemed in the interest of agriculture; the different methods of cultivation and systems of manuring, to advance the ripening of wheat; better systems of feeding and caring for cattle and other stock; best varieties of native grasses for cultivation; best trees, and methods of growing them for wind breaks; best breeds of poultry, and methods of feeding and caring for them for best results. Arrangements have been made for contributions from the best and most successful farmers in the province. A number of engravings of some of the best animals in the country are now being prepared for issue in the near future. In fact, no stone will be left unturned to not only keep the ADVOCATE in advance of all competitors, but very far in advance of them. In this we also ask the hearty co-operation of our readers and patrons. Kindly send us any items of agricultural information that may come under your notice. Say a kind word for us to a friend who is not a subscriber; or, better still, send us his subscription; or if any article will be of special interest to an absent friend send us a post card and we will send a copy. To our readers, contributors, advertisers and friends generally our hearty thanks are tendered, with the hope that we shall enjoy in the future, as in the past, their liberal patronage and co-operation. This issue of the

EASTERN EDITION

closes its twenty-sixth volume. Like our Western Edition, not only has it enjoyed a healthy, strong and steady growth, but the patronage extended to it by Canadian, American and English farmers is most encouraging. During the last five years its growth has been greater than ever before. To-day the circulation of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE is three times greater than that of any other agricultural paper printed in the Dominion, and the combined circulation of our two papers is more than twice as large as that of all other Canadian agricultural papers combined. There are very few Canadian homes where any agricultural paper is received that the ADVOCATE does not regularly enter each month. Besides these there are thousands of farmers scattered all over Canada who have taken the ADVOCATE for years and have never taken any other Canadian agricultural paper. For this reason the Eastern and the Western Editions of our paper offer far better advantages to advertisers than any or all of the other agricultural papers printed in Canada.

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