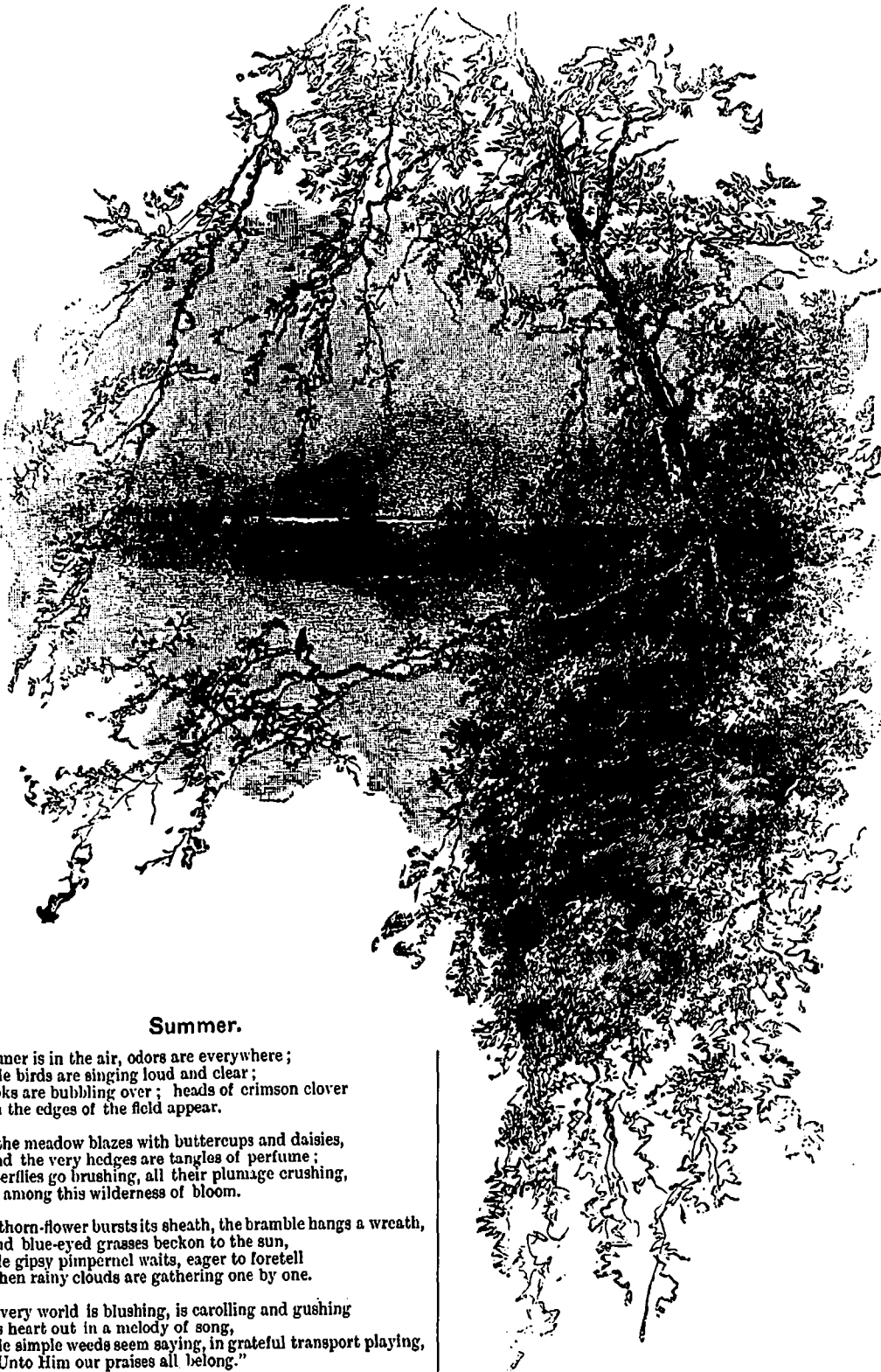




Summer.

Summer is in the air, odors are everywhere;
Idle birds are singing loud and clear;
Brooks are bubbling over; heads of crimson clover
On the edges of the field appear.

All the meadow blazes with buttercups and daisies,
And the very hedges are tangles of perfume;
Butterflies go brushing, all their plumage crushing,
In among this wilderness of bloom.

The thorn-flower bursts its sheath, the bramble hangs a wreath,
And blue-eyed grasses beckon to the sun,
While gipsy pimpernel waits, eager to foretell
When rainy clouds are gathering one by one.

The very world is blushing, is carolling and gushing
Its heart out in a melody of song,
While simple weeds seem saying, in grateful transport playing,
"Unto Him our praises all belong."



In the supplement to our May number reference was made to the remarkable development of the Massey Manufacturing Company, and it was mentioned that this season they will use about 800 tons of malleable iron and 600 to 700 tons of steel. This statement was made in error, as the consumption of steel will reach over 1,500 tons and malleable iron over 1,000 tons.

THE names of the winners of the cash prizes of \$50, \$35, and \$15 for the three largest lists of subscribers received up to July 1st will be published in our next issue. Many of our subscribers seem to be under the impression that we will cease giving Premiums after July 1st. Don't imagine anything of the kind. Premiums will continue to be at the disposal of any of our subscribers who will take the trouble to canvass for us.

It is a matter for congratulation that the damage done to the crops throughout Ontario by the unusually heavy rainfall last month is not so extensive as at first feared. Low lands have suffered most, the probable yield of wheat in some places being reduced by 50 to 25 per cent., but in other places the effect has been only to retard the growth. In high lands there is every prospect of a bountiful yield of wheat. Root crops have suffered most, particularly potatoes. Fair weather between now and harvest will retrieve much of the damage done.

Farmers in Ontario would seem to have found a market for their cattle where they least expected it. The *Prince Albert Times* of June 7th says: "Mr. McGregor, of Galt, Ont., and Brandon, reached Calgary yesterday with fourteen carloads of young steers, mostly two-year-olds, which he purchased in the counties of Waterloo, Wellington, etc., in Ontario. This is the advance guard of 2,000 head which the above gentleman is bringing up to place on the Quorn Ranch, where they will grow and fatten for two or three years, when they will be ready for shipment to England or British Columbia." The uninitiated would imagine that it was rather a risky venture to purchase cattle in

Ontario, pay the cost of transportation to the ranches in the North-West, feed them for two or three years, then bear the cost of transportation to England and expect a profit; but no doubt the ranchers have studied the thing carefully. At any rate, such enterprise is deserving of success.

To celebrate the formal opening of the Canadian Pacific railway (Short Line), St. John, N.B., will hold a summer carnival and electric exhibition on a magnificent scale, commencing July 22nd and lasting for ten days. We have received an illustrated programme of the carnival days and nights, from which it is apparent that everything will be done to make the event varied and attractive. Halifax, N.S., will also celebrate the occasion on the week following the St. John carnival by an entertainment the leading features of which will be grand military and naval demonstrations. Among the main objects that the people of these eastern cities have in view in holding these carnivals is the patriotic and praiseworthy one of cementing our Dominion more firmly together in a national feeling and breaking down the provincial walls by personal intercourse between the people of the different sections. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the people of the western provinces will show their appreciation of this effort of their Maritime brethren by attending their summer carnivals in large numbers.

THERE is every prospect of an abundant harvest in the Province of Manitoba. The first crop report published by the Local Government, which was based on information from 500 correspondents, states that the wheat crop has suffered no injury whatever, and that meadows and pastures are better than last year, although the rainfall has been somewhat light. The total area under crop is 893,492 acres, an increase of over one-third since 1887 and one-quarter since 1888. The acreage is divided as follows: Wheat, 623,245; oats, 218,744; barley, 80,238; flax, 13,333; potatoes, 11,941. Cheese factories have multiplied, and dairying is now a prominent feature of the province. The condition of the live stock on June 1st was better than it has been for many years, owing to the early opening of the season. At that date the number of horses in the province was 45,745; cattle, 148,209; sheep, 31,341; pigs, 15,744. Reports from the North-West Territories as to the crops and condition of live stock are equally favorable. That Manitoba and the North-West Territories are rapidly developing for a glorious future in agricultural industry is beyond question.

It is not a good sign when a person blows his own trumpet. This will apply with equal force to a newspaper. The reverse is the case, however, when other people blow your trumpet for you, unsolicited. The meaning of this latter statement will be found on page thirteen of this issue, to which we respectfully but firmly beg to call the attention of our readers. It is exceedingly gratifying to us to receive such kindly encouragement. The chief object we have in view is to make the *ILLUSTRATED* a welcome visitor every month in the homes of the agricultural community, and we want all our reader to help us by becoming active agents and prevailing upon their friends to subscribe. We offer them every inducement to do so, and those who have canvassed for us will testify that the premiums we have sent them have well repaid them for the trouble they took. We have every evidence to point to the fact that the *ILLUSTRATED* has rapidly gained in popularity, and we are determined to keep it up. To this end we have decided to make an offer to subscribers, which will be conceded as one of the most liberal ever made by a paper on this continent. Full particulars will be found on the cover of this issue, and we would ask all our readers to show it to their friends, and they will have no difficulty in getting them to subscribe. For fifty cents we give the *ILLUSTRATED* for one year, and each subscriber from now to