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 (CONDUCTED BY A PRACTICAL AGRICULTURIST.)

An Autumn Rhyme.

When the breath of March was keen,
 And the woods were brown and bare,
 I covered from the cruel air,
 In a tangled bed of gloom,
 A violet just unopened,
 Sweet and new from the year's hair,
 If only could have been.

But Love's heart and hope were strong,
 And he smiled, and whispered low,
 "When the summer comes slow,
 And the sun and the birds are gone,
 Though a little while be long,
 She will come at last to know,
 She will take our loves and song."

Now smothering sunset shows
 That the year both turned his face
 Into fall and disarray,
 And the golden glow of day,
 Leaf and petal fall away,
 And with such a poor hope goes.

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The Peterboro Prize Farm.

We submit another instalment of the report of the judges in the provincial prize farm competition, in which Mr. J. A. Campbell, Jr., of North Marlborough took first prize, the second prize was awarded to Mr. C. D. Moore of Peterboro. The judges report, which we have to the rising ground, from which a good view of this farm is obtained, we had found the general style of farming well out, not by any means according to the rules laid down by the best authorities in this branch of industry. The first law we had of Mr. Moore's farm let us suppose that it was the one entered for competition, as it had that general air of good finish which is so noticeable in high-cultivated and well-managed farms. Mr. Charles D. Moore's farm, which takes a few miles north-west of Peterboro on a narrow road. It contains two hundred acres, besides which fifty acres are in pasture, which is worked in connection with its fifty acres chiefly used as pasture and hay. The pasture is well preserved bush, the woodland is chiefly timbered with maple, beech, basswood and elm. A stream running from east to west across the farm, crossed by a thick growth of cedar, extends on either side of this stream for a short distance is very stony and is used as a permanent pasture. Besides this a portion of the land lies low. This land was originally timbered with cedar, black ash and tamarac. It is covered with rough grasses. A great deal of draining has been done, and the fact has been rendered by much more productive and valuable than these improvements having been carried out. Heavy crops are now being grown on land which once used to be covered with water at seeding time. Besides draining much heavy work had to be done before this farm was brought into its present high state of cultivation. The quantity of stone which has been cleared from the fields has been a work of great labour, and represents the expenditure of a good deal of money. A considerable quantity has been utilized in fencing and in other ways. The fields may now be said to be free from those obstructions which interfere so much with thorough tillage. The soil is a strong clay loam with a subsoil of hardpan just such a soil as will, under good management, stand a great deal of cropping, and which with poor farming, and without draining, would be poor and unprofitable. The fact that the former has been the rule for years past is better evidence is required than the weight and general evenness of this year's crops as well as other permanent improvements which have been carried out extensively on this farm. A great deal of planting has been done, on the roadside along the whole front of the farm there is a lot of timber of about fifteen years growth. The trees comprise maple, basswood, balsam, spruce, birch, etc. From the road to the house is a row of maples, as straight as a line and of good size. On these are three vines, which are fastened to the stems and between each tree and the wire is a place of protection for the trees. Mr. Moore says it does more fencing in this way he will have a short stake to each tree with a wire and fasten the wire to the stake. However, the way in which it is now done

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