

PERSONAL.

Mr. Jacob Alpaugh, St. Thomas, Ont., has sold his bee apiary and house to R. H. Smith, Bracebridge, Ont. What Mr. Alpaugh intends to do we do not know, Mr. Smith will have the good wishes of bee-keepers with whom he is acquainted in his new venture.

Mr. Allen Pringle, superintendent Ontario honey exhibit, World's fair, has been on a trip to Ontario, and has secured an additional quantity of first-class comb honey for Chicago.

We have up to date notice of the following Canadian bee-keepers intending to be at the North American Bee-keepers convention, Chicago, to be held at Louisiana hotel, corner 71st street and avenue B, Chicago, Ill.; F. W. Jones and Mrs. Jones, C. O. Jones, Bedford, Que.; S. T. Pettit and Mrs. Pettit, Belmont, Ont.; Allen Pringle and Miss Pringle, Selby, Ont.; E. L. Goold, Brantford, Ont.; J. A. Foster, Tilbury Centre, Ont.; B. Shanks, Blenheim, Ont.; R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, Ont. From other countries, Dr. C. C. Miller, president, Marengo, Ill.; Doctor A. B. Mason, ex-president N. A. B. K. A., and Mrs. Mason, Auburndale, Ohio; Thos. G. Newman, ex-president N. A. B. K. A., Chicago, Ill.; Hon. B. L. Taylor, Lapeer, Mich.; Hon. J. H. Hambaugh, J. A. Stone, secretary Illinois State B. A.; G. W. York, editor American Bee Journal, Chicago, Ill.; A. S. Root, E. R. Root, editors Gleanings in Bee Culture; W. Z. Hutchinson, editor Bee-keepers' Review, Flint, Mich.; M. W. Mandelbaum, (Fish & Co.), Chicago, Ill.; Frank Benton, secretary N. A. B. K. A., Mrs. Benton, Ralph Benton, Washington, D. C.; Charles F. Muth, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. T. Abbott, sup. Apiarian department, Mo.; A. N. Draper, Upper Alton, Ill.; O. R. Coe, Mrs. Coe, Windham, N. Y.; W. G. Larrabee, president Vermont B. K. A., Larrabees Point, Vt.; R. B. Leahy, Higginsville, Mo.; H. D. Cutting and Mrs. Cutting, Clinton, Mich.; J. A. Green, Ottawa, Ill.; H. C. Melton, Dixon, Ill. Since the above has been handed in a host of names have been sent to the secretary. No one able to attend should fail to be at the convention.

A man in Abilene, Kan., recently advertised that he would like to buy a second-hand lawn-mower, and to address "X. L.," post office. He received an answer that impressed him favorably, and after correspondence found the writer to be his wife, who was trying to sell him their old lawn-mower.

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BEEES AND HONEY. From every quarter the bees are reported to be in a healthy condition, and they have not suffered from any complaint during the summer. From the Georgian Bay district it is reported that a large number of colonies were destroyed by the severe weather of the past winter. Swarming all over the province wherever bees are kept was good. The supply of nectar, in field and forest in one or two instances only is reported to have been deficient but in all others it is good, except in a few cases where it is given as superabundant. The average yield per colony is variously stated. This depends largely upon the manner in which bees are cared for. Some colonies are reported as yielding 20 lb., while the average appears to be 40 lb., with not a few rating at 80, 100 and 150 lb. In West and East Midland, Northern and Georgian Bay districts bees are not extensively kept nor are they in the counties of Huron and Bruce in Lake Huron district. The answer to the question, "Are bees in a thrifty condition at present?" is unanimously in the affirmative.

A Valuable Stocking.

Edward Hutchinson Robbins was Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1793. His grandson, who describes him as a man of untiring kindness "whose desire was to bless and serve others," says:

"Stephen Brewer, who knew him well told me once that when he was clerk in a store in Boston the old gentleman walked in with a grey stocking in his hand, the foot of which was filled with Spanish dollars.

"Stephen, my little man," said he 'take care of this for me; it's a new stocking, and my daughter knit for me.'

"So Stephen put it away, and grandfather forgot it from that hour. But three months later he came into the store in much affliction.

"Stephen, my little man," said he 'I've lost a stocking,' showing the mate, and 'I'm so sorry! My daughter Cassy knit them,' he said tenderly, 'and I would not lose them for anything.'

"I produced the stocking with the Spanish dollars tied up in the foot," said Stephen, 'and there was no affection about it—he really cared more about finding the stocking that his daughter had knit for him than he did for the money.'