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Bee-Keepers and their Interests.

We cannot but upon reflection ask ourselves, are Bee-Keepers really in practical every day life advancing their best interests? By this is meant, are they doing all they can to increase the consumption of honey in one way or another? We are safe in saying, we are not. Mr. Cowan while among us remarked upon the absence of honey at hotels and stores. In Switzerland, parts of Germany and other countries, but especially those mentioned, honey was used far more generally, especially for breakfast. Who is most to blame for this state of affairs, the hotel-keeper or the Bee-Keeper. If every Bee-Keeper would make a point of asking for honey at every hotel he may stop to take a meal at, and ask for it no matter how often he may stop at it, there is no doubt the Bee-Keepers would find a readier sale for their honey. When friends visit you, not Bee-Keepers, have your very nicest honey on the table and do not keep it to awaken the envy of some Bee-Keeping friend who may be visiting you. Those visiting the North American Bee-Keepers' Association meeting at Chicago this month, let them insist upon having honey upon their table at the hotel and let the ball start rolling. If a grocery has no honey get all your uncles, aunts, cousins and friends whom you can inlist to call and ask for honey. We can expect no one to help us unless we help ourselves in these matters. In the matter of hotels, if honey were used there the general public would soon assist us; and a footing secured there at all, would mean a permanent one, without any further effort on our part, after we once set them to work for us,

we could bend our energies in another direction! Now we would beg every individual Bee-Keeper to feel his responsibility and not think his services in this matter only a drop in the ocean and of no value. If every drop were taken out of the ocean there would be nothing left.

A USEFUL EXPENDITURE.

Would it not be well to expend a portion of our annual grant as it is done by some of the other Associations, notably the Diarymens'.

The method employed is to secure men who are well and favorably known to its members as likely to be able to give them information of value in an essay and aid in the discussions generally. There are men from the United States who if present at our next annual meeting in Woodstock, —which we believe is to be in Jan. next—would be able to add very much to the practical value which members present would receive. In view of this a very much increased attendance would result, and an increased membership. We would respectfully make this suggestion not presuming to mention who the man or men shall be, but leave this important question just here to the directors and officers of the Association.

The *Canadian Bee Journal* states in reply to our statement, "The hive with the Langstroth frame for brood chamber took the several first." That the frame of the hive they took the first prize with was $12\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{8}$ in. They had three hives entered, and when the 1st prize was handed to them by the judges we asked which hive was awarded the 1st prize; we are under the impression the hive stated by us was pointed out, but according to the statement of the exhibitors we are mistaken.

In reference to the case at the Toronto Exhibition referred to by Mr. Willows, we think it would hardly be just to censure the D. A. Jones Co.