

Montreal Exhibition.

Those who have exhibited from time to time in Toronto, can form no conception of the difficulties connected with exhibiting at Montreal. The number of entries are large as a rule but there is almost an entire absence of taste in display. This may appear strange as the prize list reads almost the same as that of the Toronto Industrial. The ruling of the judges has generally been quality not display. For instance the first prize comb honey (500 lb lots) had but few cells filled next the section while in the 2nd prize lot white and well filled. There was a marked absence of unfilled cells in the display. The 20 lb. lot was never examined, the judges ruling that the quality of honey in both lots would be the same. Such judging of course saves much time and the exhibitors are not long in suspense, saving nerve force. The judge was Mr. Henry Eugene Poulin of Marieville Que., he was born at his parent's home and has kept bees all his life having 79 colonies now. The principal exhibitors were Goold, Shapley, Muir Co., F. W. Jones & Co. Bedford, Que. and N. E. Poulin Marieville, Que. Goold, Shapley Muir Co. took six firsts and five seconds and one third prize, F. W. Jones three firsts three seconds three thirds, N. E. Poulin three firsts one third and J. J. Gareau two thirds. The judging was much more satisfactory than the previous year. The greatest difficulty being in deciding upon the best and most practical invention. The Pratt self-hiver being at a disadvantage as they appeared to doubt that perforated metal was practical, he arguing that the queen and worker bees were the same size.

Nothing further need be said of the exhibit of Goold Shapley & Co. F. W. Jones Bedford Que., showed a very nice line of bee-keepers supplies. The Jones, (cousins) are amongst the most enterprising bee-keepers of the province of Quebec. Judging from honey at the Montreal exhibition the flow in the province has not been nearly so good as the season of 1892.

Conventions.

WEIDMANN, Oct., 2, 1893.

The fall meeting of the Lambton Bee-Keepers will be held in the town of Brigidon on Wednesday, the 25th of October. All are invited to attend. J. R. Kitchin, secretary-treasurer.

CHARD, Sept, 25 1893.

The first annual meeting of the county of Russel Bee-Keepers Association, will be held in the town hall Clarence Creek, on Tuesday, 28th. of November 1893 at the hour of one o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend. W. J. Brown, secretary.

The Ontario Honey Exhibit at the World's Fair,

(For the Canadian Bee Journal.)

We may, I suppose, without egotism or unfairness, quote what others say about us. We have just sufficient pride of country, and apiarian enthusiasm, and love of our work to duly appreciate proper praise of our goods, whatever one may think of personal references.

The current number (September) of the "National Popular Review," published in Chicago, has a long article on "Glimpses of the World's Fair." The article opens with the following complimentary sentences to Canada: "No department of the Exposition has been disregarded by Canada, is the natural conclusion one must arrive at after taking a trip through all her various sections. She is here, there and everywhere occupying large spaces in a most artistic fashion, and attracting attention to her beautiful and varied products by a lavish display of bunting and flags. * * * * Our northern neighbor has acquitted herself with honor at this greatest of all World's Fairs." The writer, after going through the Manufacturers' Building and the first floor of Agricultural, comes to the gallery of sweetness and thus discourses,—

"A humming all over the tall white branches,
A humming of bees."

And the words of Jean Ingelow occur to us again and again as we gaze upon the apiarian display made by Ontario in the east end of the gallery of this building. Not only a 'humming of bees all over the tall white branches,' but what a buzzing among, and what sweet, delicate flavoring they must have extracted from Linden, Clover, Goldenrod, Buckwheat, and even Thistles to have garnered such stores of honey as exhibited here! Fit emblems of the province from whence the honey came, these busy bees must have worked by the thousands in order to hive so goodly a store for the Columbian Exposition. Canada is prominent enough at the fair, but Ontario is more so. Her exhibits in this building alone, are unsurpassed, and here in this corner, she places herself side by side, in competition with about a dozen states of the union, and to do her justice we are compelled to state that in this apiarian exhibit, to use a Yankee phrase, 'she is top of the heap.' As I do not know, nor did I meet, the writer of the above, the verdict given was certainly not in any way influenced by me.

I quote below another opinion from a lady writer, who was a stranger to me, but whom I met at the exhibit when it was