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HONEY DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA EXHIBITION, 1907

A scarcity of honey last year in the Ottawa valley, followed by a very bounteous supply of the very choicest this season, forcibly reminds one of the good old law or principle of compensation. Ye Western Ontario apiarists in quest of honey, come east, to the many flourishing bee-keepers in the basin of the Ottawa. In accord with things in general, up, too, goes the price of honey, to stay, if possible.

The bulk of honey exhibited was not up to the normal ; but the quality, appearance and attractiveness of display were excellent. Mr. and Miss McLaughlin, of Cumberland, and Mr. Fraser, of Daniston, were the exhibitors, the first having the largest show. While we gladly welcome new exhibitors, and encourage them as much as possible, we are always sorry to miss the older, familiar faces, who compete for several years, and then silently drop out. This year the "vacant chair" is the one that Mr. W. J. Brown so long and so successfully filled. Some people we meet, and don't care if we never see them again ; others so favorably fix themselves on our memories that we long to see and know more of them. To this latter class Mr. Brown belongs.

The judge's decision resulted in giving Mr. McLaughlin 10 firsts and diploma, 1 second and 2 thirds ; Miss McLaughlin, 2 firsts, 7 seconds and 1 third ; and Mr. Fraser 1 first, 3 seconds and 3 thirds.

The nature study of the bee, etc., by Mr. McLaughlin, was a very important, attractive and entertaining part of his show. He had an

observation hive, and carefully selected samples of queen cells with royal jelly, cells destroyed by rival queen, egg and larva and nymph, illustrating the development of worker and drone, nests of bumble bee, wasp and hornet, with a few of their inmates ; bee enemies, and bee products, and uses of honey. Perhaps, at some future exhibition he may add to his long list pressed and mounted honey - producing plants, hives from the bee-gum, box and straw-skep to the modern frame, the "good" old-fashioned mode of dumping comb, brood, etc. in a bag and then squeezing, to bring the honey out, contrasted with the refined, clean, extractor plan.

" APIS."

[The above was sent to the C. B. J. some time ago, but by some means, never reached us. An explanation was asked for, and " Apis," on being informed that his first copy had gone astray, was good enough to send it to us the second time. We congratulate our friends of the Ottawa valley on their good fortune in having received a good crop this year. They have fared better than their Ontario brethren.

Mr. McLaughlin's exhibit must have proved very interesting. We hope to see his " Nature " exhibit at the Toronto Industrial next year. — ED.]

MR. JOSEPH BRADLEY, of Campbells Cross, under date of Jan. 1st, writes as follows :—" Your Bee Journal is well worthy of praise. Everyone who has even two or three hives should take it."

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