

Fixter, Experimental Farm, Ottawa; R. H. Smith, St. Thomas; Alex Dickson, Lancaster; M. B. Holmes, Athens; H. G. Sibbald, Cooksville; W. J. Craig, Brantford. An effort is being made to have all the Ex-presidents attend the convention. It is the intention of the programme committee to have a banquet on one of the evenings and have the president and ex-presidents as guests of the Association. There will be the usual arrangements made with the Railroads and Hotels as to rates. All persons interested in the bee-keeping industry are extended a very cordial invitation. A large attendance is looked for, and this will also be a splendid opportunity to see the beauties of the Falls."

Yours truly

W. COUSE.

Streetville, Ont, Oct. 2nd.

THE EXHIBITIONS.

The honey departments of the fall fairs presented a very slim appearance compared with former seasons, indicating plainly a similar condition in the honey crop throughout the country. The exhibit at Toronto was not sufficiently large to demand a separate building, merely occupying one side of the old dairy building, and the number of entries not enough to make the prizes offered. The display, however, was very neatly arranged and creditable to those in charge and the qualities good considering the character of the season.

Among the new inventions the

first and second prizes were awarded to Henry R. Smith, St. Thomas. First for a bee-escape and second for a combined section and foundation fastener. The third prize was awarded to Wm. Martin, Belmont, on a section foundation fastener. This latter is a new device on the hot plate principle and it certainly does its work very effectively. The inventions were all very good in their respective spheres and will no doubt prove helpful to those requiring such. The Judges were Mr. Wm. Couse, Streetsville, and Mr. A. E. Hoshal, Beamsville.

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The exhibit at London, while considerably behind its usual proportion came much nearer it than Toronto and from reports gathered there it would seem that western and northern bee-keepers have been favored with the better honey flows. The exhibits were very neatly gotten up and showed a great deal of taste on the part of the exhibitors. We consider however there was a very serious draw-back in the building, owing to insufficiency of light, fitted up as it was for dairy exhibits, and the windows being shaded and curtained, the honey did not show to nearly as good advantage as it would have had the surrounding conditions been favorable. Mr. Martin Emeigh, of Holbrook, judged.

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Speaking of honey exhibits generally there is a very great sameness and a lack of originality of design