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## EDITORIAL

WE are advised by Secretary Holterman that almost every arrangement is complete for the reception of the International Association at Brantford in December.

In this issue we publish list of prize to be competed for at the Toronto Industrial fair.

The Arkadelphia law suit against G. A. Clare in which the question, of whether bees should be allowed within the limits of the corporation of the city, and as to whether they are a nuisance, has been decided against the plaintiff. This has been an appeal from the lower courts and in the last issue of the "A. B. J." the argument of Judge Williams is published in full.

After quoting many authorities and making a masterly defence of the right of bee-keepers and a powerful argument against the claim made by many that the keeping of bees is a "nuisance" to be prohibited by law he sums up his position as follows :

(1.) That the power is not given to prohibit bees by the statute.

(2.) That bees must at the time and place and under all circumstances be a nuisance *per se* or the ordinance violates property right, and is not sustained by law.

The decision of the Supreme Court is

that bee keeping is a *legitimate* business—that it is not to be likened to a "pig-sty or slaughter house" (as the judge of the lower court decided it in another suit)—that *it is not a nuisance* and the city ordinance against bee-keeping in Arkadelphia is *illegal and void*. As we have stated before, the defence of this suit has been undertaken by the Bee-Keepers' Union and has thus been carried through to a successful issue. The decision is one of immense value and will form a precedent which will be hard to get over and bee keepers will in the future be granted an immunity from trouble and expense in the way of prosecutions which they have not enjoyed of late years.

The Directors of Toronto Fair, to be held this year from the 9th to the 21st September, are already actively at work making preparations for the same, and appear determined to make it excel in magnitude and attractiveness any of its predecessors. We have received a copy of the Prize List, which is very neatly gotten up, and any of our readers who may desire a copy can secure one by dropping a post card to Mr. H. J. Hill, the Manager, at Toronto. A large amount has again been appropriated by the Directors for new special attractions and the erection of additional buildings, etc.

Please note that we now keep in stock 9-frame Combination Hives. See prices in price list.