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Our own practical experience going hand in hand with the experience of other practical men is undoubtedly the condition under

which we can make the greatest progress in the successful keeping of bees. VALUABLE INFORMATION.

There are many men comparatively unknown, who rarely if ever write for bee-journals, who have a valuable experience and who possess valuable information, which can only be reached by personal contact.

For the last seven weeks the editor of the Canadian Bee Journal has spent the greater portion of his time, meeting at exhibitions and in convention, men who have ideas of value, some entirely unknown to the bee literature of the present day. We found the convention at Chicago especially fruitful in securing, in friendly conversation between sessions, information of value and we trust and feel that future numbers of The Canadian Bee Journal will be the better for attending these exhibitions and conventions.

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Those who act as judges as well as those who exhibit and closely observe the results of judging must often desire that we may have something more definite in connection with this work. The reading of prize lists are often abominable, conveying no definite and distinct meaning or if they do convey a meaning which does not harmonize with common sense. Some system should be taken in hand for improving this. Again in other

lines, judging is done by points, and there appears to be no good reason why a standard should not be arrived at in honey. Say in comb honey so many points for clear and neat wood, so many marks for the comb free from travel stain, so many for white and even cappings, so many for perfectly filled sections, so many for freedom from pollen, so many for neat comb honey cases. In extracted honey, so many marks for color, so many for body, so many for flavor, and so many for beauty of package. We were lately asked by a brother editor (of a stock journal) if we could score an Italian bee, is something in this direction not within reach of the practical. If it is, let us have it. Every one will be pleased. A perfect score card may not be produced at once but time will point out errors. Let us have the views of others.

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We have seen the honey exhibits at Chicago. The quality of Ontario honey exhibited is undoubtedly good. There was

probably no other case exhibited in which the comb THE HONEY EXHIBIT. and extracted was so

uniformly good. For this the province is indebted to the bee-keepers who contributed and to Mr. Allen Pringle, who had the unpleasant task to perform of withdrawing any honey of inferior merit.

Bee-keepers will expect us to express an opinion upon the display. We do not know who is responsible for the selection of the glass but the packages are too large to show the honey to best advantage. Th.