



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL.

AT Ottawa Mr. W. Alford carried off the bulk of the prizes. A striking feature of his exhibit was honey in orange colored tins with vermilion tops which arrested much attention and made the display very noticeable.

"Apiculture" says the Maritime Agriculturist, "is a business that is in its fancy now in this part of the country, but the day is not far distant when it will assume much larger proportions."

San Bernardino, the banner county of California, produced 435 tons of honey last year. The State sent three and a half million pounds to Europe last year and has produced as high as \$15,000,000 worth a year.

Bees at London.

THE PROVINCIAL NOT A SUCCESS.

THE Provincial fair, which closed at London on the 14th, was the last one to be held under the auspices of the Agricultural and Arts Association even though the annual meeting voted in favor of a continuation thereof. The attendance was meagre, and the exhibits were also very short of usual years. The citizens of London took no hand in making the fair a success, and without this, it is not possible to do so.

In the apiarian department there were only three exhibitors, and the show was not up to usual years. This is always made a part of the dairy department, and the judges of the latter products, do duty for the former. Men are generally chosen as judges, who are capable of doing good work in their own line, but who know absolutely nothing of bees, or their products. This was thoroughly demonstrated in the present instance. For instance, there was a premium given for the best and largest display of comb honey. The judges secure done section each, out of the entries and going off to one corner of the building, gouged holes therein, tasting each, and without any further investigation as to the quantity or quality they made their award. Remember we do not question the justice of the award, our object being merely to show the system practiced, in judging. How well such judges would be able to decide on the respective merits of different hives!

Mr. John Rudd, of London, occupied the first portion of the staging, with a neat and tasty display of comb and extracted honey, the product of 35 colonies. Mr. Rudd had also on exhibit a variety of supplies, on which he took such prizes as were awarded. The visitors who passed through this department very generally treated themselves to the honey lemonade, on sale at this stand, and it was very highly spoken of. Mr. J. W. Whealy of Kintore made