

arrangement being effected than is usually possible. As an education to traders in dealing with honey, these exhibitions have been invaluable as they are carried out on purely trade lines. Foreign honey is very much in evidence on the stand of Messrs. Spring & Co., of Brigg, and South Australia has again a large display which is retailed at sixpence per pound jar. No doubt, through the great scarcity of the home grown article, foreign honey will secure a larger sale than usual, but after all the consumer prefers home produce when he can obtain it. As one purchaser of honey remarked: "It is very coarse and rough to the palate after being accustomed to English."

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Bee-keepers in the Old Country have been experiencing a succession of bad or indifferent seasons. Last year honey dew spoiled the crop. This year unfavorable weather brought disappointment and loss to our brothers across the water. Yet, in spite of adverse circumstances our contemporary is able to report the London Honey Show a big success. Let us emphasize the fact. We read, for instance, that in the classes for light and medium colored honey, there were sixty exhibits. Only those who have visited the various London Honey Shows can realize the effect produced by these imposing displays of honey. Sixty entries! Think of it. In the class for displays of honey and honey products (to be shown in suitably attractive form for storekeepers' windows) there were six trophies. That which gained the first prize was of an educational nature, exhibiting the variety of uses to which honey can be put in medicines as well as in articles of every day consumption. The entries in the beeswax classes numbered 32. We can imagine a certain well-known Canadian with that jack-knife of his doing a bit of scraping amongst the business-like looking cakes so familiar at these shows. There were some sixteen classes, all well filled, and

furnishing a display that would simply amaze the bee-keeping visitor at the Canadian shows.

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We visited recently the two Ontario Honey Shows, the most important in the whole Dominion, viz., that held at the Canadian National Exhibition in September last, and the Honey Show at the recent Horticultural Exhibition. We are forced to the conclusion that we are a long way behind the Old Country in these matters.

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Now, what is the chief object of these shows? Simply to advertise. Yet how blind to our interests, how lacking in business instincts, do we appear to be in failing to assist in making them a success. We are not at all certain as to who is really to blame. A correspondent in our last issue complained, with justice, of the unsuitable building allotted to the honey exhibitions. Is it that as bee-keepers we are too modest, and do not assert our claims with sufficient vehemence. The executive of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association might do something here.

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We should like to see competitors encouraged to exhibit their honey and wax in forms attractive to the business man rather than to the child. Any receptacle, so long as it be glass, seems to be considered suitable for displaying the honey in, and the variety is as endless as that one meets with at the perfumers or druggists. Again in the case of wax, instead of the innumerable animals and other forms into which the wax has been shaped, we should prefer a more sober, not necessarily less attractive, mode of exhibiting.

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One other matter seems to us to require attention. It is a very difficult thing, indeed for the visitor to distinguish the various classes and the different exhibits in each class. Bee-keepers go to so little expense in sending their honey and wax

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