

confined to the hive the bees that are left after the prime swarm has issued, if we keep the hive shaded and do not contract it too much before opening the entrance.

Whether it is Mr. Pringle's management, or his locality, or both, that forces him to so multiply labor and care in order to prevent after-swarming, I feel confident that could he succeed as we do, with so little labor and trouble, he would much prefer our method without the addition of his extra work.

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We think some difference in the management is probably caused by the difference in sizes of hives. Friend Pringle uses a twelve-frame hive, or about 3300 cubic inches brooding space. We have frequently had these large hives cast second swarms just as large as firsts, while those in which we had contracted the space by the use of the wooden division board, to the Heddon space were kept from swarming the second time. Some seasons it did not seem to make the same difference. There is also a difference in the disposition of bees to swarm, when the combs are kept close together or spread well apart. We suppose friend P. had reference to young queens hatching where the former queen had died or been sold, or superseded. When this occurs in May or June, the bees are often sufficiently strong by the time the young queens are ready to hatch, to prevent the first one hatched from tearing down the cells, which frequently caused them to swarm. We frequently have swarms of this kind.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

CANADA AT THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

QUERS.—In the last two issues of the JOURNAL you have called attention to the importance of a good honey exhibit at the Colonial Exhibition to be held in London next year. This exhibition will afford the best opportunity the honey producers of Canada ever had or ever will have in their day and generation of showing to the world the fine honey resources of Canada. It will afford an opportunity of establishing a foreign market for our surplus crop, such as will not again present

itself in the lifetime of the present generation of bee-keepers and it is a duty we owe to ourselves as well as to our country, that such an opportunity should not be allowed to pass without its being taken advantage of. I was not present at the meeting when the committee to carry this important matter to a successful issue (if such be the duty assigned to them) were appointed. I greatly fear from what I know of the number present at the meeting and the hurried way in which the business was put through, that no properly matured scheme was given them to submit to the Government or Commissioner. The committee therefore labor under a grave disadvantage in presenting a scheme for the adoption of the Government, having no sufficient assurance that their arrangements will be heartily entertained by those who must contribute to making up the display. Would it not be well for the executive committee to meet the special committee and arrange about what is best to be done and said by the latter in their interview with the Commissioner. I think it highly important that the exhibit should be gotten up and managed under the auspices of the Association; that contributors should be secured from among its members and that those contributors should select some one to take charge of the whole business, see to the collection, packing and shipment, accompany it to London, remain there while the show lasts and when over dispose of the goods to the best advantage. It will require some one properly qualified to set out the superior excellence of Canadian honey to visitors as well as to make arrangements with British dealers for future consignments. Without this the display may demonstrate the honey producing capability of Canada, but it will be of little practical value to the producer. A little more information about what has been done and what is intended shall be done in the matter?

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Friend McKnight has taken this matter up in a way which is highly commendatory. If President Pettitt will take the matter in hand and call a meeting of the joint committees—executive and exhibition—some decided plan of action could be settled upon; a commissioner or agent who will look after this part of the Canadian exhibit; one too, who thoroughly understands "fixing" up the exhibit so that it will indeed be a credit to "this Canada of ours," is certainly needed.