

now the House has practically adjourned over the Manitoba School Question, and measures, which, to many, are more important, have to stand over. Amongst these, the Pure Honey Bill did not reach its third reading.

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The Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, has a very good prize list in honey and apian supplies. The list is one which we induced the association to adopt. The prize money has been increased. There are quite a few bee-keepers within easy reach of Ottawa, and as the honey flow in the east, and throughout Quebec, has been fair, we hope there will be a credible show of honey. The amounts required, are, after all, not large.

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Up to the present we have done very little in the way of moving bees for pasture.

The present season has, however, not been very good, and at the home apiary there is no chance of obtaining a good fall flow of honey. About ten miles from here there is a large acreage under buckwheat, and it is our intention to take by rail some twenty or thirty colonies of bees. We shall make a careful record of the expenses and the result and report. Of course such an experiment is only of value when tried for a number of years and must then be used for comparison. We expect to at least obtain enough honey for winter for these colonies and that they will gather sufficient for an additional twenty or thirty colonies. We have no fear as to the wintering qualities of well-ripened buckwheat honey.

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The Western Fair prize list is to hand. It will be seen on another page, the list has some very material improvements, and we at the Western Fair, must congratulate our friend, R. H. Smith, St. Thomas, who is the representative of the

Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. We hope that a thorough effort will be made to have a good representative exhibit at London. We notice maple sugar in the list. Perhaps the intention is that this shall be some of Mr. Clarke's celebrated maple syrup honey.

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We notice some discussion going on about Wood-Base Foundation. If we mistake not very much, Mr.

Wood Base D. A. Jones used that Foundation, fifteen or more years ago and gave it up. We can tell bee-keepers that it has been tried since with the following results: In several instances while the bees were working and busy rearing brood it was all right and everything went lovely, but when out of wholesome employment the bees became very human and got into mischief. They then set to work to eat away and remove the wood. It is not likely that we will get anything to take the place of beeswax in the building of comb in the hive. Wood in the base appears to be too base a material for the bees.

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In a large apiary it is often a difficult matter to know how to mark a hive temporarily. The method

Marking Hives, we prefer is to keep a book with the duties for each day in that respect marked ahead. For instance we have a batch of queen-cells to cut out on August 5th, we mark out under that date to cut out the queen cells. Otherwise we take an entrance block, mark it queenless or take a note of the operation we wish to perform and put this block on the hive cover. When through, the block is removed. Doctor C. C. Miller under "Stray Straws," writes :

"To mark a hive temporarily, green grass or weeds will do nicely. It practically takes itself away, for next day it is withered, but a stone or block might be taken for a fresh mark the next day."

This is also a very good method.