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LONDON'S BEE AND HONEY SHOW.

THE Provincial Exhibition, which was held at London this year, was very well attended considering the kind of weather which was anything but pleasant.

The show of bees, honey and apiarian supplies was very good and reflected great credit on the exhibitors, considering the limited space at their disposal. The show of queens was very small, but that could be very easily accounted for. A short account of how the exhibits looked will, perhaps, not be out of place here. The honey hall is very pleasantly situated near the agricultural hall, and is nice and dry even in wet weather. On entering the building the immense show of comb and extracted honey of Mr. Joseph Aches, Amiens, Ont., attracted the attention of visitors, who are greeted with a pleasant smile by that gentleman as he proceeds to point out to them the beautiful Italian queen which he has caged and on exhibition. We next come to the extracted honey of Mr. McEvoy, the beauty of which cannot be forgotten by all lovers of pure unadulterated honey; he also showed beeswax and white beeswax, for which he received an extra prize. Mr. J. W. Wheally, of Lakeside, next takes up our attention with his very fine exhibit of comb honey, which is very well arranged and his show of extracted honey which is put up in marketable shape. He very kindly presented us with D. A. Jones' price list of apiarian supplies and offered to give a sample copy of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, but as your humble servant was already a subscriber it was hardly necessary to trespass on good nature too much so the offer was declined. I was pleased to see Mr. R. H. Smith, of Ealing, there with his show of honey and supplies, which included a queen nursery for the Jones' frame. Mr. Smith says that the supply of comb honey is very short, and, although he took first prize on comb honey, still that was about all the comb he got, as he worked his bees for extracted. He showed the D. A. Jones' hive for comb honey which we think is better adapted for securing comb honey than the usual deep one.

D. P. Campbell, of Parkhill, next takes up the attention of the merchant and others with his very extensive exhibit of comb honey it being the largest in the hall. While we were admiring the very tasty display, we noticed that Mr. Campbell was completing arrangements for supplying a merchant in Manitoba with his very choice honey. May his trade in that direction increase greatly.

We now come to the exhibit of Mr. John Rudd, of London. He shows the largest assortment of

apiarian supplies in the hall and Mrs. Rudd is doing quite a thriving trade selling honey to persons who wish to sample the delicious looking comb honey. She says that she has about sold out her stock of honey. Mr. Rudd shows a Jones' hive which he has arranged so that he can use it for the Langstroth frames and also for comb honey. Mr. Rudd also shows an extractor. There is a number of other exhibits, but none of any great account except some very fine honey the property of Mrs. F. Lingard, of Mitchell.

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WHAT A WOMAN'S HANDS MAY DO.

MRS. HENRY HILLS, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., at her genteel and cozy home on the hill, overlooking a considerable portion of the village, although much given to botanical and kindred studies, combines with her æsthetic occupations and housekeeping, a utilitarian pursuit which deserves more than passing notice. Just how she became on friendly terms with the "little busy bee" we are not advised, but she has evidently formed a pleasant and profitable compact with the little workers, both parties seeming to relish the agreement. Mrs. Hills, with but slight aid from her husband (whose business demands his time) has established and perfected an apiary that is a credit to her genius, taste, and patience. She now has a steady demand for both extracted and comb honey, and the genteel packages used, as well as the quality of the contents has much to do with the popularity of the goods from her little colony. The extracted honey is placed for sale in neat, covered tin pails, small and large as needed, and the comb honey is first placed by the bees in one pound square frames, and these frames are placed by Mrs. H. in packages of heavy paper with tape bail, same as used by first-class confectioners for their candies. These latter packages are simply "too sweet for anything." We advise our readers with a sweet tooth to give Mrs. Hill's apiary a trial.—*Exchange*.

There is another illustration of what a woman may do in the way of bee-keeping. The number of ladies who are now engaged in bee-keeping is astonishing. At the last meeting of the O. B. K. A. we had the pleasure of electing a lady—Mrs. R. McKechnie, Angus,—to the position of 2nd Vice President, than whom no one could have been better chosen.