



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

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THE last received advanced sheet of the *Canadian Gazette* (Oct. 7th) gives us more of the solid facts which bee-keepers are anxious to receive than anything we have yet had ; if, as we presume they are, the statements are facts, Canadians have reason to congratulate themselves upon the markets which they have opened for future production. We expect soon to receive from the Commissioners a full report of the prospects so far as they can glean them. The article from the *Gazette* is as follows :

"The Ontario Bee-keepers' Association seems to be fast realising the object it had in view in bringing its interesting exhibit to the Canadian section of the exhibition. The forty tons of honey contributed by between twenty and thirty bee-keepers of Ontario arrived a week or two since in charge of a delegation from the Association, and since its arrangement in a large building in the South Promenade it has not failed to attract great and increasing attention. There would seem a good prospect of introducing the honeys of Ontario direct to the market here. No less than four English houses have made requests to be allowed to quote wholesale prices for the whole exhibit, and take it into their own hands at once. These offers have been wisely refused. "Our object," say the delegates, "besides showing the natural productions of Ontario, is to distribute our honeys at reasonable prices among the British public, and create a demand for it while keeping a supply at the Exhibition for display." The Association is, of course, desirous of opening up a wholesale market here, and should any be left at the close of the Exhibition will be ready to dispose of it in this way, but the present exhibit is made with

the twofold object named, and fortunately the delegates will not allow a desire for immediate gain to make them forgetful of the future benefits to be derived from the display. There are four English houses now in communication with them, who are either retailers themselves, or who directly supply retailers, and they say that if they can be sure of getting honey regularly each year from Ontario, they think there is a margin in the prices quoted. So far as appearance goes, the exhibition public say it is far ahead of English honey, being whiter and clearer. Some of the flavours are also new to the English taste, for in Ontario there are three distinct crops of honey—the clover, the linden, and the thistle honey. It is happily found that the carrying companies are very desirous of affording every facility for safe shipments ; while the delegates are now satisfied that the honeycomb can be with care shipped to this market. That has always been a somewhat doubtful question previously, the comb being so easily broken. So far as the experience at the Exhibition goes, the liquid honey seems, however, to meet with most favour with the British public ; and this is just as was wished, for as much as two pounds' weight of liquid honey can be produced to only one of comb, while the combs can be replaced into the hive, and thus save the bee time and labour in preliminaries. The retail sales at the Exhibition quite come up to the anticipation formed, averaging some 20 lbs. per day. The honey with which the Canadian varieties have to compete in the English market are those from Chili and from California. The latter has not, it seems, a very good reputation here, while the Chili honey is known to be generally badly gathered. In the matter of price, too, Canadians have every reason to anticipate a fair share of the market. The prices now being quoted by the delegates, which are the figures at which Ontario bee-keepers can afford to sell, are in general somewhat lower than the prices of foreign honeys in the English market. As to English honey, some say that the Canadian varieties average the same price ; others say that they are higher in price. It is not, however, proposed to kill the sale of Canadian honey by disposing of