

stated that he had some important matters to place before them. The prize list of the Western Fair had only \$10 offered for prizes, but by a committee of this association visiting the directors, the sum was increased \$150 and rooms granted free of charge, in which to hold a B. K. convention three nights during the fair. But last year this was neglected and we were asked why we had not prepared a prize list, as it was badly needed. Prizes are now being given under rules by agricultural fairs, that are to say the least, injudicious. Honey is shown in all shapes—five, ten and twenty pound packages in an old box—any way for a prize. Let us recommend to these boards of directors which way we think best to offer the prizes for honey. In sections, in cards, in jars, or cans, or any way that you may determine so that an old box of black stuff called honey will not stand as good a show for the prize as the best package of clover honey. Nine times out of ten the prizes are given to thin, light stuff, whereas it should be given to honey having color and body, and also in comb; honey sections should be well filled and nice, neat and white. There seems to be a deal of dissatisfaction at all the fairs on account of the unjust awards. I will here call upon Mr. Aches who has had a good deal of experience in that line.

Mr. Aches said:—I won't say much about prizes, but in order to have our honey get fair play we want to put it in a good shape. In the first place the judges have a good deal to do with it. The directors of the Western Fair wanted us to put it in shape, and it was our own fault if we did not. But at the Provincial Fair it was very unsatisfactory. If a committee of the right men were appointed to see the directors of the Western Fair, matters might be greatly improved for next year. What we want and must have is more accommodation than heretofore, and now is the time we must pick out our committee to meet these men to draft a scheme for putting into the prize lists the offers or rewards for honey. Whatever we do it is to our interest to get up the honey in as good shape as possible. D. P. C. says, the largest amount of honey shown takes the prize. This is not fair, for the small

chance as the man who raises a large quantity. J. Aches says, but the small bee-keepers come in for a good display of small quantity and quality.

D. P. Campbell:—Quantity takes the prize, not quality, the way the prize lists are got out. He thinks the small bee-keepers should stand the same chance as the larger. Mr. Coleman took two tons of honey to the Provincial Exhibition, in London, and did not get a chance to show it, but had to team it home again. This meeting does not approve of that way—offering prizes and not providing a place to show goods. Mr. J. Aches does not agree with Mr. Campbell regarding the quantity and quality. If the largest quantity was of inferior quality, the small quantity would take the prize. The old prize list says the largest and best display of honey in the most marketable condition, best display, best shown, best shape we can get it in for the judges to see. If it is the best honey and the best display it gets the prize.

D. Smith said:—The prize lists say largest and best display, not the quality. There is nothing to draw a man to the home fairs. He showed in Thedford once, and did not get a prize, but the man who did get it said he should not have received it, as Mr. Smith's was the best honey, but the taste did not suit that of the judge, as well as his friends. Mine was in small sections, the other in large bulk.

D. P. Campbell again, in reference to quality, said:—Judges seldom taste the honey, it was a prize on largest and best display, not the quality of it.

Moved by Mr. Donald Stewart, of Nairn, seconded by J. Withers, of Widdier, that Joseph Aches, of Poplar Hill, D. P. Campbell, of Parkhill, and Wm. Coleman, of Devides, be a committee to draft the rules to govern the directors of fairs as to how the prizes shall be given and hand them to the secretary for publication at once.—Carried.

Mr. Glass said the judges ought to taste the honey, but that the largest and best display should get a prize too. The judges were gentlemen and wanted to do the right thing, but he would leave the rest in the hands of the this committee.

D. Stewart moved, seconded by J. A. Manning, that the Secretary send a report of this committee to the news-