

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

WORLD'S FAIR.

I have to-day (Feb'y. 27th.,) sent out circulars and shipping labels to all intending exhibitors of honey, or apiarian appliances, at the approaching Chicago World's Fair.—These circulars give full and ample instructions to exhibitors as to packing, shipping, etc., etc. They also call for certain information required of each exhibitor by the Regulations published by the Chief of the Agricultural Department, of the Fair, as well as the information required by the Superintendent of the Apiarian Department

It is just possible that out of so many circulars some may go astray in the mail; and, as probably all the intending exhibitors are readers of the C. B. J. I would here particularly request any that may fail to get their circulars to advise me of the fact by post-card without delay, so that I may duplicate the matter. They are all mailed to-day, 27th Feb'y. The Exhibitors are all instructed to ship their honey and other things in time to reach Toronto by March 25th.—The comb honey by express, and the extracted honey and other things as freight. Of course the eight must be shipped much earlier than that sent by express, as the transit is so much slower. The comb honey need not be shipped till within a few days of the specified time to reach Toronto, depending upon the distance off of the exhibitor, who will know himself about when to ship.

I trust all exhibitors may follow carefully the full and explicit directions given in the circular, and fill out the question circulars and return one to me as directed. Again I remind the exhibitor who may fail to get his circulars to let me know at once, when I shall send him others.

I expect to proceed to Toronto soon after the 25th March to take charge of the exhibit and endeavour to get it up in good shape before the great show opens on May 1st.

I am glad to say that, considering the

circumstances, we have a very good exhibit in sight—mental sight—and I trust that when we come to get a physical or optical squint at it we shall not be disappointed. Of course we have not much comb honey for this first consignment; but from what I know of the men who are sending it I feel quite easy on the score of quality. The approaching summer, should the season be favorable, I look for a fine exhibit of both comb and extracted.

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WHO OUGHT TO KEEP BEES?

By J. J. L.

This question requires a word of explanation. Those who *ought* to keep bees are bound by obligation irresistible, whose conscience is sound. To know duty and resist it is, to a religious man, to take hold upon ruin. Religion (from Latin, *ligo*, I bind), where it is genuine, has a binding power which is absolute. We propose not the question in its moral aspect, but with reference to material advantage. Not *all* may hope to keep bees advantageously, many may, and many more than do. The present writer did; other people got wind of it and spread exaggerated reports. When bees discover honey or other accessible sweets, there is a rush to find where, and get a share. One comes into a hive with its sac full, and begins to unload; others, with their wonderful keenness of scent, quickly surround the lucky one, and mentally, if not articulately, begin to shout, as with the eagerness of starvation, or the greed of the miser, "Hello! what's up? where did you get that? it smells good; let's have a share—we must—we shall." And out they rush on sounding wing and scour the country side. Bees teach us many lessons, mostly beautiful. But this we must set down to their discredit: they are misers, hoarders, and, in consequence, sometimes thieves and robbers. When they fail to find the incoming honey outside, they suspect it comes from a neighbour's hive, and proceed to steal, and, if strong enough, to