

others in the States. Can Mr. McKnight, or any one else tell us from the "record" he speaks of as to which was the most worthy of an award? I presume it was the appearance and not the flavor that led the judge to awards to the above named exhibitors; and I hardly believe that any intelligent, unbiased person would say that Ontario had better or nicer or even as nice looking honey on exhibition than did some of the States.

Mr. McKnight goes on to ask, "what does that record show?" and answers by saying, "It shows that the combined states of the union showing at least ten times as much honey as Ontario exhibited, took 28 prizes, and Ontario took 14."

"The record" doesn't show any such thing, and any one, with even a small amount of good common sense ought to know better (and care enough for their reputation) than to make such statements.

If we are to take the statements as to to "World's Fair Awards," on page 160 of the same journal that Mr. McKnight's statements are in, as the "record," it (the "record") shows that the ten States referred to by him received 45 awards and Ontario none.

But Mr. McKnight's way is not a fair way to view the matter. The 10 States were not in competition with Ontario neither was Ontario in competition with the ten States. Each made their exhibit separate from and independent of all others, and as a matter of course the different kinds of honey in each exhibit were generally duplicates of the honey in the other exhibits.

He says "the record" shows that New York took 7 prizes; Ohio, 4; Mich. 4; Ill., 1; Nebraska, 1; Ontario, 14; etc.

Isn't it wonderful what a large ability some people have for getting wrong impressions and making erroneous statements when they are interested parties.

As nearly as I have been able to learn, and I don't claim to know, nor that the "record" shows it, New York received 12 or 14 awards; Ohio, 9; Mich., 7; Illinois, 7; Iowa, 5; Neb., 4.

Now Mr. Editor let's do a little figuring, assuming that Mr. McKnight's statement that Ontario took but 14 prizes, is truthful.

Ontario 52 exhib.,	rec'd 14 awards;	1 to 3.71 exhib.
N. York 52	" " 14	" 1 3.71
Iowa 16	" " 5	" 1 3.20
Illinois 18	" " 7	" 1 2.57
Ohio 16	" " 9	" 1 1.77
Mich., 9	" " 7	" 1 1.23

I have omitted the other five state exhibits, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wis., Indiana and California, because I have no figures to show how many exhibitors there were in their exhibits, but I have no doubt that

their average was much better than Ontario's showing. Ha! Ha!

By the above, we see it took 52 Canadians to get 14 awards, and compared with the other exhibits don't seem to be much to "brag of." It may be said that some of the awards in most of the exhibits were on beeswax or supplies, but that would change the ratio of awards to exhibitors but very little.

Mr. McKnight also says, "It ought to be borne in mind that some of those States had three times the quantity of honey Ontario showed ***" and conveys the idea that "Ontario took ** over three times as many (awards) as any other State."

Let's see about the desirableness of having "it borne in mind," etc. I am not sure as to the amount of honey Ontario and New York had on exhibition, but from my recollection of what the superintendent of the Ontario exhibit told me, I think it is safe to say Ontario had about 4,500 pounds of honey on exhibition, and New York probably had about the same. Without doubt Illinois had the largest honey exhibit of any, and those in charge of the exhibit claimed to have 7,707 pounds and over a ton and a quarter less than three times as much, and if Mr. McKnight is right, (which I very much doubt) about Ontario receiving fourteen prizes, his statement that she took * * over three times as many as any other state" must be counted as "father to the wish."

Entries for awards were made in the name of the exhibitor, and if Illinois had had as many exhibitors as Ontario and received awards in the same proportion she did, she would have received nearly 21 awards to Ontario 14; Ohio about 28, and Mich. about 41.

Would it not be well to suggest that it ought to be borne in mind that Mr. McKnight is not very well posted, or is trying to get even with me on old scores, for he goes on to say, "Will Dr. Mason now admit what we aforesaid affirmed, and what he denied, that in color, flavor and specific gravity, Ontario beats the world." Our contention has been established in competition with the best product of his own land and under his own nose."

Whew! That's awful to get under my nose in that way, but I guess it can stand it, for it is not diseased and is not troubled with other unsavory odors, except in a second hand way.

I have no admission to make in the line he refers to, for I have no knowledge of his ever claiming "that in color, flavor, and high specific gravity. Ontario honey beats the world," and so could not deny his claim. but I do remember that on either page 167