

CANADA AT THE COLONIAL.

SPEAKING of the international convention held on the 6th, Oct., the *British Bee Journal* says in its issue of Sept., 30:

The great outstanding feature in the bee-world of the year 1886 will undoubtedly be the two large displays of honey which have been exhibited in the Indian and Colonial Exhibition by British and Canadian bee-keepers. The chief purpose of the former was to prove to the British public the capabilities of their country to produce honey, excellent in quality and exquisite in flavour, in such quantities as to supply all their demands without the necessity of having resort to foreign countries. They were induced to make this display from having been informed that their Canadian brethren were making strenuous efforts to send over to the Exhibition a large quantity of honey with the view to create a market for the honey-produce of their country. The British bee-keepers have had their opportunity of showing the quality of their honey, and right well have they taken advantage thereof; and now the Canadians hold the field, and we sincerely trust that they may be successful in their remarkable enterprise, and they will be enabled to have in Great Britain an outlet for their surplus produce of honey. We believe that this honourable rivalry between the two countries will be productive of good results, and that in future honey will be sought for as one of the great necessities of daily life of the British public.

These two shows would not have been complete had there not been an opportunity afforded to British bee-keepers of giving a right hearty welcome to those who by habits and pursuits have so much in common with them, and of both comparing their modes of management of their 'mutual friend'—the honey bee.

We are pleased, therefore, to reprint the following circular showing the arrangements that have been made by the British Bee-keepers' Association:—

By the kind permission of the Royal commission of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition the British Bee-keepers' Association purpose holding, on Wednesday, October, 6th, a special meeting of welcome to the Colonial bee-keepers now staying in England. It is desired to make this meeting as representative as possible, and all County Secretaries, County Representatives, members, and friends, are earnestly requested to join with the British Bee-keepers' Association in giving the most hearty reception to their brother bee-keepers from the more distant parts of the Empire. The following is the programme of

arrangements:—

12 noon. Quarterly Conference of the Representatives of County Associations, to be held in the Lindley Library Room, adjoining the office of the Royal Horticultural Society in the main entrance.

2 p.m. Luncheon will be provided in the Quadrant adjoining the Albert Hall; tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of the Secretary of the British Bee-keepers' Association, for which application should be made at once. At the close of the Luncheon a special visit will be made to the Canadian Exhibition of honey, situate in the Colonial Provisions Market.

5 p.m.—Conversazione will take place in the Conference Room, situate near the main entrance to the exhibition, when the subject of bee-keeping at home and in the Colonies will be introduced, and by the interchange of ideas as to the various systems of management, hives used, the comparison of results, &c., mutual benefit may be gained by all.

Members are requested to bring their microscopes, and bring or lend other interesting and useful appliances in connection with bee-keeping. Such objects should bear a legibly written descriptive label in order to make them interesting to visitors. Members should give immediate notice to the Secretary of their intention to contribute such objects.

Free tickets of admission to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, enabling Members of the British Bee-keepers' Association and the Members of the County Affiliated Associations to be present throughout the day, may be obtained upon application to J. Huckle, Secretary British Bee-keepers' Association, Kings Langley.

Early application must be made for tickets to the Exhibition and for tickets for Luncheon, as the committee are called upon to guarantee a certain number to the Luncheon.

The attendance of ladies both at the Luncheon and the Conversazione is requested.

From much previous experience of what we may call the 'clannishness' of bee-keepers, we feel assured that the proposed meeting will be enthusiastically entertained, and that they will muster in large numbers on this most interesting occasion.

Notice of this meeting has been sent to every member of the British Bee-keepers' Association, and also to every Secretary of the County Associations. The Secretaries of the County Associations have been requested to give publicity to this event to their representatives.