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THE INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBIT.

I AM in receipt of a number of letters asking if those who intend to exhibit honey at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition of the crop of 1886 should fill out blank forms sent them by the Ontario agents. I always answer "yes! you had better do so" stating at the same time that the honey will be of the take of 1886.

Now I confess that things look a little mixed. If the 4,000 feet of space really belongs to our Association, and doubtless it does for Mr. Jones handed said space over to our Association and so stated the case to the Ontario Agents in the presence of quite a number of said Association, the said agents fully understanding and agreeing to the transfer. Now this being the case why should we still apply for space for we were distinctly informed by the said agents that we could have no more.

If I understand the matter the said space now belongs to the O. B. K. A. to be occupied by Mr. D. A. Jones and others who may wish to exhibit of the crop of 1885, until the crop of 1886 arrives at Kensington; then the management of the space will be in the hands of the five commissioners elected for that and other duties.

But as the Ontario agents wish each exhibitor to fill up and return blanks asking for space, so far as I see we had all better do so at once.

If there are any that expect to exhibit and have not received blanks please send me your address and I will have blanks sent you.

S. T. PETTIT.

President O. B. K. A.

Belmont, Ont., Jan'y. 28th '86.

We have been waiting to hear what the president and Chairman of the Commission had to say regarding the blanks which the Ontario Agents were sending out, as we to have had several communications from intending exhibitors on the same subject; and we would not offer our ideas on the subject until first hearing from friend Pettit. Do you not think that if the chairman of the Board of Commissioners will, in the name of the Association, fill out one blank for

the 4000 feet, and forward it to the Ontario Agents, the whole difficulty will be overcome; explaining at the same time that the individual exhibitors will deal with the O.B.K. Association Commissioners in the matter of the quantity of honey, etc., which they are to show. We consider, and have considered from the time we handed the space over to the O. B. K. Association, that we had nothing further to do with it than was allowed us by the commissioners. We were not under the impression that the space was to be under our control until the crop of 1886 was ready. We offered to furnish supplies, honey plants, etc., to assist in filling the space until the said crop was ready, but supposed that this would be *in conjunction* with other supply dealers, and with those who had exhibits to make which could be sent on *at once*, such as granulated honey, etc. We are willing to do all we can to make a creditable display, but the Commissioners must consider the matter entirely in their own hands, and the responsibility of the whole exhibit must rest with them. Friend Pettit, is Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and *all communications* should be sent to him. With regard to the filling out of the blanks, we wish it to be understood that it is only *our* opinion which we have given, and that quite possibly we are wrong.

WINTER MANAGEMENT.

To the Mount Forest Bee-Keepers' Convention Greeting.
DEAR MR. DAVISON AND FRIENDS:

IN response to your invitation to contribute an essay to your meeting on any apiarian subject I might choose, I beg to send first my cordial greetings and along with them a few thoughts on the above subject,

As the articles which appear in our bee journals from week to week and month to month are, many of them, behind time, or rather out of season, I have determined to place "Winter Management" at the head of my paper so that any practical suggestions I may make here will be at least on time and in season. Our bees are now in winter quarters, or fixed up outside as the case may be, and any mistakes we may have made in that important part of our work as bee-keepers will likely remain uncorrected so far at least as this winter is concerned. But the management of winter quarters and spring is now immediately before us, and we all wish to meet this work with as much light and as little liability to further mistakes as possible. And even mistakes made on fixing the bees for this winter may possibly