

colonies that had been strongest had hardly a pint of bees left, while the other had about a quart. I attributed this difference to the fact that this colony had less dark fall honey than the others. I might have saved the other two by doubling them, but I tried to build them up separately and both died. The other never swarmed, but I divided it late in July and now have two weak colonies and about 30 lbs. honey. I also have one Italian nucleus which is now a fair sized colony. They are still gaining in stores but I shall extract it all and winter them on sugar-syrup. I have partly made up for my failure of the bees by my method of selling the honey. I put it up in one pound tins, nicely labelled, which cost me about four cents each, and sold them readily at 20 cents each, though the best clover honey can be bought here at 12 cents per pound. I allow the grocer 10 cents per dozen to sell them for me, and he says he would rather handle honey that way than buy it in bulk at 12c and sell it at 10c. When I have learned to produce honey as easily as I sold it this year I will call myself a successful bee-keeper.

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The Honey Exhibit of Toronto.

It has been prophesied by some that the interest in the honey department at the Toronto exhibition would wane, and that beekeepers would cease to take the interest in it that has been exhibited for some years; this, however, does not appear to be the case, as the honey show of this year presented quite as large an appearance as it usually does, though there was perhaps not quite so much in quality, the whole exhibit presented a most creditable appearance and considerable taste was displayed in arranging the various exhibits. The experience of former years has been of much service to those who have shown this year. The judges found considerable difficulty in awarding the O. B. K. A. prize.

The sales of honey this year were not up to the expectation of exhibitors nor do they compare at all favorably with sales of former years, owing perhaps, as much as anything to the fact that honey is being sold at very reasonable prices in the retail stores throughout the city; one exhibitor, however, informed us that he sold almost as much on the Saturday following the exhibition as he did through the entire week, and he would have had no difficulty in disposing of his entire crop, had entries not been made at other shows and had it not been necessary to keep a supply therefor.

The London Fair.

THURSDAY, Sept. 25th, we spent at London, and we were pleased to meet many old friends. The London fair management do not encourage apiarists and honey exhibits to the same extent as does the Toronto Industrial, and as a consequence less exhibitors enter the list. This year there were only three exhibitors of any moment, viz., John Rudd, J. W. Whealey and John Newton. The sweepstakes prize of \$20 was taken by the last named of these. Mr. Martin Emigh, Holbrook, was the judge, and we are able to say that we heard no word of complaint as to his awards, which is a high compliment to his decisions. In this connection the Western fair people have advanced a step over former years, probably a result of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL'S crusade against the former method of appointing judges who knew absolutely nothing of honey or bees. Following is a list of the awards:

Display comb honey, in most marketable shape, 3 entries, John Newton, Thamesford, J. W. Whealey, Kintore.

Display extracted honey in most marketable shape, 3 entries, John Rudd, London, J. W. Whealey, John Newton.

Display of comb and extracted honey in most marketable shape, by a lady, one entry, Mrs. John Rudd, London.

Comb honey, not less than 20 lbs., quality to govern, 3 entries, John Newton, J. W. Whealey, John Rudd.

Extracted honey, not less than 20 lbs., in glass, quality to govern, 3 entries, John Newton, J. W. Whealey.

Best granulated honey, in glass, not less than 10 lbs., 2 entries, John Rudd, John Newton.

Crate comb honey, not less than 20 lbs., in best shape for shipping, and retailing, 3 entries, J. W. Whealey, Hugh Whealey, Brooksdale.

Best general display of comb and extracted honey, wax, etc., arranged in the most attractive manner, the product of the exhibitor, 3 entries, John Newton.

Colony of Bees, 2 entries, John Rudd, Horton & Walker, Fargo.

Display of queens, 3 entries Horton & Walker, John Rudd.

Beeswax, not less than 10 lbs., 3 entries, John Newton, J. W. Whealey.

Comb foundation, surplus, 1 entry, John Rudd.

Comb foundation, brood, 1 entry, John Rudd. Honey vinegar, not less than one gallon 2 entries, John Rudd.

Display of apianian supplies, 1 entry, John Rudd.

Display of queens, John Rudd—Bee Hive, for all purposes, John Rudd.