

While it is the first year for the International at Detroit, yet the Michigan state fair has been noted for its good displays, and the exhibitors at Detroit this year have generally been the principal exhibitors at the Michigan state fair.

Beginning at one end we find a nice pyramid of comb honey belonging to W. Z. Hutchinson; next came H. D. Cutting of Clinton, Mich., with a very fine display of both extracted and comb honey, the former in tins and glasses, and all very nicely arranged. Superintendent Hershiser had in charge quite a considerable quantity of honey, the property of other exhibitors, which he displayed to good advantage. Mr. M. H. Hunt Bell Branch, Mich., had the largest exhibit, and he succeeded in capturing the silver medal for the best display of supplies. Along the front of his exhibit he had a representation of a railing of wax, 32 ft. in length, and back of this were piled large quantities of section and extracted honey. Some very nice glass sections, which were well filled out, were a portion of this exhibit. Mr. Hunt had a large lot of supplies, but they were so cramped up, that the public had no chance to see them, and what is very much wanted at Detroit is increased floor space. Dr. Mason showed honey vinegar and specimens of honey producing plants. In a different part of the building were shown other supplies amongst which was the Buffalo exhibit of the W. T. Falconer Mfg Co.

We had looked forward to meeting friend Newman of the *American Bee Journal*, but through the serious illness of his wife he found it impossible to be present, and at the last moment Prof. Cook was chosen as judge.

We heard considerable dissatisfaction expressed at the hurried manner in which the Professor had to his work, taking only a couple of hours to judge what a full day should have been spent over. So hurriedly was the work done that in some instances all the exhibits were not seen and decisions were arrived at in others before all the entire had been hunted up.

We cannot blame Prof. Cook any further than that, knowing the short time he had at his disposal, and the amount of work required to properly

judge the exhibits, he should have undertaken it at all. We are satisfied that he would do what he considered right, but in a hurry one is very apt to come to a decision without having looked into the matter sufficiently, and thereby do injustice such as is apparent in this present instance.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Instead of a railing along the front of the exhibit, such as we have at Toronto, poultry netting is used to prevent the predatory raids of boot-blacks and juvenile thieves.

We should suggest to the directors of the Detroit International the advisability of giving bee-keepers more space, and of arranging matters so that the entire exhibit could be all in one place.

The Eureka comb as manufactured by E. B. Weed, of Detroit, was on exhibition, and called forth considerable criticism from the visitors. We shall refer more particularly to it in a future issue.

What our American friends call "Honey Jumbles" sold at an astonishing rate, as many as thirty boxes being disposed of in one day. A pointer which we gave those who sold these jumbles, and which will probably be taken advantage of another year, was to have a supply of honey lemonade as well; the vendors would do a thriving business, and as well as advertise honey in another way; they would make much money. There were numerous stands through the main building where nothing but lemonade was sold and a thriving business was carried on. For ourselves, we lunched on honey jumbles and lemonade, and we do not believe a dozen waiters would be able to attend to the wants of the public, if they knew that they could get a nice clean lunch, with something to wash it down, all at the honey counter.

Display of comb honey, 1st W Z Hutchinson, Flint Mich.; 2nd M H Hunt, West Branch Mich.

Display of extracted honey, 1st H D Cutting Clinton Mich.; 2nd W Z Hutchinson; 3rd H Hunt.

Comb honey, 25 pounds, for retailing, 1st M J Bundy, Angola N. Y.; 2nd W Z Hutchinson; 3rd M H Hunt.

Extracted honey, 25 pounds, for retailing, 1st M H Hunt; 2nd W Z Hutchinson; H D Cutting.

Display of comb honey by a lady, 1st Ann Cutting, Clinton Mich.; 2nd M H Hunt.