

forces his residence a greater part of the time in Switzerland has also visited us. As you will see by the newspaper reports preparations are being made to give us a right royal welcome in the shape of an International Congress to be held about the 6th of October. Our system of management and of marketing honey seems to create quite an interest amongst British bee-keepers generally. By the sale of two-penny packages we are putting honey into the mouths of thousands who have probably never tasted it before. On school children's days six female clerks could not hand these packages out fast enough. We have steam pipes in our building and a large tank in which can be liquified at one time four sixty pound tins. When cooled we pour the honey into two tanks with gates, from whence it is put up in small packages. Yesterday (Sept. 19th) an amusing incident occurred: A number of natives from India came into the honey department and taking up a dish of liquid honey smelled it and then spoke to each other in their native tongue as if in consultation as to what the honey was and it seems they had not the least idea. As they could not speak English their motions indicated to us what they thought, they pointed to the honey and then to their hair rubbing their fingers as much as to inquire if it was hair oil. We pointed to their mouths and then gave them a taste; after having a good laugh at their mistake they purchased some. To Mr. McKnight is due the credit in the largest measure of arranging the exhibit to show it off to the best possible advantage; it was indeed fortunate that he was chosen as one of the representatives, while Mr. Corneil, as Secretary-Treasurer fills the bill most efficiently. The extra labor entailed upon him shortens his hours of rest, very frequently even more than is desirable. Mr. Pettit, our worthy president, never loses an opportunity of presenting forcibly the advantages of bee-keeping and Canadian interests. Owing to circumstances over which he has no control, Mr. Pettit is forced to return to Canada before the close of the exhibition. He sails on the 7th of October and will probably arrive home about the 20th. We have not as yet had time to see anything else in the exhibition, have already received many invitations to visit British bee-keepers but have declined until we have more leisure, when we hope to avail ourselves of their kind hospitality. Prospects are good for the disposal of the greater part of our honey at retail."

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WESTERN FAIR.

VISITORS to the above mentioned fair had the pleasure of seeing a larger display of honey this year than ever before, the exhibit being equal, or, nearly so, to that at Toronto. The quality of comb honey was hardly so good, while extracted was even better. Competition was much keener in many lines than at Toronto. Heretofore there had been but a small display of supplies, while that of this year was larger, the principal exhibitors being E. L. Gould & Co., of Brantford, and the D. A. Jones Co., L'td., of Beeton. Here, as elsewhere, the same feeling of friendliness prevailed amongst competitors and it was remarked by an old bee-keeper "that there is less jealousy among bee-men than any other class of people." Preparation day was a busy one inside the buildings, while outside every thing looked gloomy and the officials connected with the Fair felt "blue." Tuesday was also wet and dreary, and the prospects were that the entire show would be a failure. Wednesday morning appeared beautiful weather and with it came crowds of people. Bee-keepers were ready for the judges by Tuesday noon. Honey exhibitors were, J. B. Aches, Amiens; W. Coleman, Devizes; Jacob Alpaugh, St. Thomas; Jno. Rudd, London; R. H. Smith, Ealing; J. W. Whealey, Lakeside; and J. Skeoch, Corunna. Mr. Aches carried off first for display of comb and extracted honey. In supplies the D. A. Jones Co., L'td., took ten first prizes and two diplomas; one diploma being for the best bee hive for comb honey (the Heddon hive was shown) and one first prize for largest and best display of apiarian supplies; in sections they carried off three first, as also in honey and wax extractors. Messrs. E. L. Gould & Co. showed the Stanley Automatic Extractor, which is a thoroughly good invention, its price being the greatest drawback, being between two and three times the cost of the ordinary extractor. We shall give a list of prizes awarded in another issue, not having, as yet, obtained it from the officials.

The honey and apiarian supply department was situated in the carriage building, a most unfavorable locality in itself on the grounds for the majority of