

on the Exhibition Board I have honestly tried to ascertain their views on this and other matters, and when giving my annual report have urged them to write me expressing their opinions, that I might bring them before the Board at the proper time. Of the small number who took enough interest to reply, nearly all favored the changes made. I have also discussed these changes with several prominent bee-keepers, and the general opinion has been in favor of these changes, for the following reasons:

1st.—The unseemly row ending in the protest and investigation at the 1907 Fruit, Flower and Honey Show, at which investigation it was clearly shown that the rule referred to was **not** lived up to. It is a fact, well known to most of the honey men who have had anything to do with the exhibition for the past ten years at least, that the rule has been avoided in one way or another.

2nd.—As there is no way of knowing or proving whether or not the rule is being lived up to, the majority thought it would be much better to cancel such rule entirely, thus placing all exhibitors on an equal footing.

3rd.—The Exhibition Management believe they get a better show if the exhibitor is not confined **strictly** to his own product; furthermore, when the matter was up for discussion by the board, Dr. Orr said that all he wished was to avoid the possibility of large dealers making an advertising scheme of it, and were not bee-keepers at all.

4th.—The best and largest exhibitions in the United States have done away with the rule referred to. Some of the best writers, such as Root, Hutchinson and others, have advocated the cancelling of the rule.

5th.—The Committee who arranged the 1908 prize list for the Fruit, Flower and Honey Show not only dropped the rule that all honey shown should be the product of bees belonging to the exhibitor, but also added another to the effect that two or more members of the same family

would not be allowed to make individual entries. **In this matter my opinion was not asked, nor was the matter discussed with me in any way.**

6th.—Out of four exhibitors at the 1907 exhibition, three asked to have the change made.

I have been showing honey for several years without a break, and have always shown comb honey not my own, but always entered in the name of the producer, with the full knowledge and consent of the exhibition officials and the other exhibitors. I have made no secret of the matter, and the records, if kept, will show by whom the honey was produced. It was not counted in the display by the judge, but it made a better showing, and no objection was made until the fall show of last year.

In conclusion, may say that I have no apology to offer for my actions during the time I have been on the exhibition board. I am prepared to give good and sufficient reasons for anything I have done. I have conscientiously tried to represent the best interests of all the exhibitors, irrespective of my own views and interests, and have on all occasions tried to serve them to the best of my ability. I am like the boy who said if he had done anything he ought to be sorry for he was willing to be forgiven. My relations with my fellow-exhibitors, with one single exception, have been most agreeable and satisfactory. I believe bitterness, envy, malice and strife are bad, and life is too short to indulge in them.

Trusting this may make all clear as far as I am concerned in this matter, and thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your space, I remain,

Yours in the interest of peace, goodwill and harmony.

E. GRAINGER.

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