



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL

The committee of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition which has charge of the apiarian department, met on the 24th ultimo and arranged the prize list for the coming fair. We are informed that it is the largest list ever prepared, some \$300 in cash prizes being offered, besides several silver and bronze medals. The Industrial Exhibition Association have decided to supplement the \$25 grant offered by the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, making up the total prize of \$50 for the neatest and most tasty display of honey.

Owing to the lateness of the season it has been decided to extend the time for receiving tenders for the supply of queens to the O.B.K.A. to the tenth of May, and their delivery to the tenth of July. We are so informed by Mr. McKnight, the chairman of committee.

OUR OWN APIARY.

WEATHER.

AFTER the 25th of March we did not have a warm spring-like day and it seemed to us that spring had forgotten to come. The night of the 24th of April was pleasant and warm, the 26th was even better and the day following that was so warm that

one was reminded of mid-summer. To-day (Saturday) we are to have another such a day and the bees are fairly booming. On the morning of the 26th we carried out all our bees and placed them on their summer stands. They came out in pretty good shape on a closer examination. They are now being looked over and we will be able to give further results next week. In the home yard we finished the examination yesterday.

We found only two colonies queenless and somewhat light in bees. These two were doubled up with the next weakest colonies and nearly every hive was overflowing with bees, and with one or two exceptions all had plenty of stores and some to spare. We went over every hive, cleaned out the dead bees, saw that there were sufficient stores, took away any spare combs that the bees could not cover and saw that they had queens. In one or two instances we found the combs mouldy and the stores were sour, one the natural result of the other, all this giving the hive an unwholesome and un-homelike smell. Bees do not like this state of affairs any better than we do ourselves. We, therefore, took clean, fresh hives and lifted the frames which were not mouldy, over into them, gave the bees fresh stores and left them in a nice snug condition.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF HIVES.

In this yard we have about an equal number of Jones' single walled and the