

loaded in the hives and other causes has been excessive. The prospects at this date of writing (June 24th) are excellent for a fair demand for new honey and at prices fully up to the price of two years ago. Our best swarms have since June 10th and 12th finished up two crates of comb honey. Linden will likely be open.

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Elsewhere will be found a copy of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition prize list.

We are pleased to Toronto notice that Mr. R. H. Exhibition. Smith. has succeeded under somewhat disadvantageous circumstances in keeping the premiums up to that of last year, when the North American Bee-Keepers' Association met in Toronto. No doubt the honey exhibit attracts a great deal of attention and the Directorate have made no mistake in coming to this conclusion. We trust that bee-keepers will make a large and attractive display at Toronto and other places. A good honey exhibit and a good attendance at the Exhibitions helps to sell honey.

### Toronto Industrial Prize List.

In the December number of your journal, Mr. Deadman severely criticises the prize list of the Toronto Industrial. As I have been an exhibitor for the past eight years, I can claim to know what sort of satisfaction it has given to exhibitors and visitors. I believe Mr. McKnight was the prime mover to change the prize list to its present form, with the exception of the word largest, in Section 15, (that has been added by the other directors), and for a number of years has filled the bill. Never till last year was there such a difference of opinion as to the meaning of the wording of the different sections.

The Toronto Industrial prize list cannot be looked upon in the same way as a township or county show list, where the apian Department would be comprised of a few entries and small quantities, and would attract as little notice. Some years ago there was a class of entries that called for quantities of ten pounds, but it failed to bring out the smaller bee-keepers. But when the prizes were made larger for a larger quantity, it became a success in the way it was intended—as an educator.

While I do not think the prize list cannot be improved, I would certainly not make such drastic changes as Mr. Deadman suggests, and make such a mistake as to give a six dollar prize for half a gallon of honey vinegar, and only fifteen dollars for 500 lbs. of comb honey.

I agree with Mr. Deadman, that Sections 11 and 14 may be left out to advantage, and that the word display, in the different sections, be left out, and quality only considered every time. And in Section 15, for the most tasty exhibit, etc., let display alone be considered, and not the greatest quantity, but only the quantities called for in the preceding sections.

The only other changes I would suggest are that the medals in Section 11 be given for inventions, in addition to a money prize, and the 100 lb. lots of granulated and liquid be made equal, that is, 1st \$3.00, 2nd \$5.00, 3rd \$3.00, 4th \$2.00. Honey vinegar should be added in proportion to its value, say 1st \$3.00, 2nd \$2.00, 3rd \$1.00; and that prizes be offered for 20 lb. lots of Clover and Linden. I think 20 lbs. little enough for any entry, and it would be a mistake to reduce the prizes on the larger quantities. Any producer who has taken 500 lbs. of comb honey to Toronto, has never considered the prize too large, when he takes into account the care needed for the production and carriage, and the risk that he may not take a prize at all. And in wax, the manufacturers of foundation be not excluded.

Mr. Deadman thinks the prize list a disgrace and does not encourage apiarists. I know it has encouraged me, for I certainly would not have gone to so much trouble to exhibit, if the prizes had not been liberal.

A superintendent should be attached to the department. We always had one until last year. But a superintendent cannot insure the safety of exhibits when the crowd is there, unless he has glass cases, to lock up exhibits, the same as in the Dairy Department.

With regard to locating of exhibitors, I think Mr. Hill has done the best he could under the circumstances, and he has always allotted space. I know I did not always get the position I would have liked, but I have felt that perhaps, one year with another, I was as well treated as the rest of the exhibitors.

The greatest advantage the oldest exhibitors have is *experience*, and that is often dearly bought.

If the Directors could be prevailed upon to carry out Mr. Deadman's suggestions on page 447, I am sure it would very much add to the value of the exhibition in all its departments.

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