

first thrown open to the public, and at once began to arouse an interest which will doubtless increase as this new feature of the Canadian display becomes more generally known. The delegates certainly deserve great credit for the manner in which they have utilised the materials at their disposal. The appearance of the building itself has been much improved by skilful decoration with banners, and with some 300 specimens of honey-plants admirably mounted by the Natural History Society of Toronto. Of the honey itself, no less than forty tons were sent to South Kensington, contributed by between twenty and thirty bee-keepers of the province. This large consignment is now on view, and on sale in great varieties of packages, some so small as to be sold at the nominal price of 2d., and others containing half a hundred-weight of honey. It is easy to perceive at a glance that some difficulty must have been experienced in securing any artistic effect in dealing with exhibits which are necessarily of a very uniform character in get up and general appearance. All the more praise, therefore, is due to Mr. McKnight, to whom, we understand, this portion of the work has been principally entrusted, for the taste and skill with which he has arranged the exhibit. Counters along the sides and at either end of the building are laden with tins and boxes of all sizes and shapes. And a very brief examination is sufficient to convince even the least experienced connoisseur on the point that, in respect of quality, Ontario honey takes altogether exceptionally high rank. The show made will indeed assuredly prove a revelation to the British public, for it will convince the Englishmen, who, perhaps, had never given a moment's thought to the question before, that in the production of honey Ontario can hold its own with any portion of the world. Mr. D. A. Jones, whose right to speak with authority is unquestionable, assures us that the exhibit is the finest of the kind ever seen. It far surpasses, both in quality and quantity, the very remarkable show made in Toronto some three years ago, on the occasion of the visit of the North American Bee-keepers' Association. British apiarists have undoubtedly never before seen in this country a display approaching that now open to their inspection at South Kensington. It is to be hoped that the enterprise shown by the Ontario beekeepers may be rewarded by the opening up of a satisfactory market in this country for a class of Canadian produce which, we should imagine, only requires to be well known here in order to be generally appreciated and greatly in demand."

The *British Bee Journal* speaking of the International Congress says;

"The hope expressed in our last issue, 'that some means would be devised by the Committee of the B. B. K. A. to bring together in union the Canadian and English bee-keepers, has taken a practical shape. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the B. B. K. A. last Wednesday, the Hon. and Rev. H. Bligh and Mr. J. M. Hooker being appointed as a sub-committee to make the necessary arrangements. Wednesday, October 20th, was the date suggested, but in order to secure the attendance of Mr. Cowan, the chairman of the B. B. K. A., endeavors are being made to arrange the event for Wednesday, October 6th. It is proposed to arrange for the whole of the proceedings to take place at South Kensington, commencing at 12 o'clock by a meeting of the English county representatives for business purposes. At 2 o'clock it is proposed to hold a luncheon, at which our Colonial friends will be the guests of the British Bee-keepers' Association. A visit will afterwards be made to the Colonial exhibit of honey, &c., the whole to conclude with a conversational meeting commencing at 5 o'clock. These proposals have been submitted to Sir Phillip Cunliffe Owen for the approval of the Executive Council of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition."

The *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes a lengthy report of an interview with Messrs. Pettit, Jones and Corneil. The report occupies over a whole page; we may produce it on a future occasion, but as the space at our command is limited we desist at this time. They also illustrate the article with a view of the exhibit, but it is not sufficiently distinct to be interesting. We hope to have an engraving made of the exhibit, as it appears, in a future issue. From Mr. Jones' last letter we glean the following:

"We are working night and day and have to be satisfied with but little sleep. Our exhibit is in place and has been thrown open to the public. The British people are giving us every attention possible and the officials connected with the exhibition and the British press are doing us full justice. English visitors are loud in their praise of our exhibit; many bee-keepers have already called upon us. Mr. Hooker has visited us three times and is brim full of bee-keeping, while Mr. Huckle, Secretary of the British Bee-keepers' Association, and also of the British Honey Co., spares no pains in furnishing us with every possible information. Mr. Cowan, the worthy editor of the *British Bee Journal*, whose health