

which the majority of exhibits come there has been but little honey. Only those in vicinity of rich bottom lands, such as we have here on the sides of the Grand river have secured honey sufficient to exhibit. This is unfortunate. Toronto, especially can still boast and in spite of the Chicago World's Fair of having had the finest honey exhibit on the continent, if not in the world. The comb honey shown there will delight the eye of any bee-keeper. This year we are afraid in this respect the exhibit will not be up to the average. The educational exhibit should be of interest to the general public.

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Bee-keepers who are anxious to have legislation to raise the reputation of honey in our own country and Thos. S. Sproule, abroad have watched M. D., M. P. with keen interest the Pure Honey Bill which has been before the House of Commons for two sessions. In connection with this they cannot forget the man who has taken so much trouble in this matter. The position of Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion is vacant. That position as long as the present party system prevails will be filled by a supporter of the party in power. Dr. Sproule is spoken of by *The Farmers' Sun* as a good man for the position. The last Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion was from the province of Quebec. It is not for us to say anything personal about the late minister, but we know that many have the strong conviction that Ontario which is the banner agricultural province at present, should now be represented by a Minister of Agriculture. Bee-keepers will be pleased to see Doctor Sproule in that position. We give in another place a good engraving of the Doctor and a little sketch which we believe is correct.

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In this number of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will be found reports of the honey crop and when we add to them many others which we have from different sources we may say that the honey crop throughout the North American continent is poor. In

Scotland too, we understand the crop has been bad and in England nothing extra, if even up to the average. Since penning the editorial in regard to the honey flow in the last number of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL we have had many rains in this district and in our own apiary the bees have been storing surplus. We have had three swarms in one week and if the flow continues there may be many more within the next week. We know of one patch of buckwheat 17 acres, another 10 acres within easy reach of the bees, how much more there is we know not, but as a rule there is no buckwheat near us. The failure of other crops, with abundant rains now, has caused more buckwheat than usual to be sown. Almost every day or night we are having a shower and the prospects are that through a very large area of country the bees will fill up well for winter and perhaps secure a surplus of buckwheat. This filling up for winter is a very important item, it saves expense and saves bees, many are careless and will not feed their bees, and the result is that they must perish. Again, these rains mean much for the coming year, white and other clover will come up in abundance and we are likely to have an abundance of these important flowers next season. It is more than likely that those who will let their bees slide now and drop money thereby will live to regret it in future seasons. The man who makes money out of anything is not the one who goes out of it when it has touched bottom and gets into it again just as the boom is out. The solid business principle is rather the other way.

In conclusion let us say that all parts of the Dominion are not alike. British Columbia and Manitoba has given a good crop of honey, we also understand that the country between Montreal and Ottawa has done well.

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SIR.—August C. B. J. is to hand, and I note your allusions to me. Several times you charge me with deliberate lying, e. g. "all of this he knows to be untrue." I have stood a great deal from you and been civil