

on the main land opposite. To your readers who cluster round the fire on the long winter evenings a visit to this section at this time would be enjoyed. The mullet-fishing now in front of my door is simply immense—at times the water is black with fish. A few days ago a friend and I took about 700, all we could dress in a day, in about two hours. In some instances we were unable to draw the net into the boat alone. They run from ten to twenty inches long and weigh from one to four pounds each, and are worth split and salted four to five cents each. We filled one boat with five throws of the cast net. Between fish, oysters, turtle and honey, together with the labor of improving the place, our time is well occupied.

J. Y. DETWYLER.

New Smyrna, Volusia Co., Fla.

December 24th, 1885.

We are much pleased with what you say in reference to hygrometers and believe they should be used more extensively. We secured one of the best, which is now in use, and we find it very convenient in testing the humidity; it also indicates the approach of rain or fair weather, as the case may be, many hours before the arrival of same. The hand or indicator is moved by the contraction or expansion of a human hair. We have also found it to be true what you mention regarding the condensation of moisture in the hives, causing the cappings to burst and stores to become sour and unfit for use. Consequently bees fed on such stores cannot be expected to winter properly. Boiling or heating the honey sufficiently to cleanse it from floating pollen grains, which is done by skimming the scum from the top is, we presume, what you mean. It seems that every advantage has its corresponding disadvantage. While you have delightful summer weather the year round, you have disadvantages which equalize that. We think with you, that here in the north, after we get our bees through the winter, we can take equally as large crops of honey as is taken in more southern localities; but you beat us on the fish business.

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KINDLY grant me space to say to many anxious bee-keepers that Mr. A. W. Wright, Ontario Agent C. and I. Exhibit, has answered me in a very encourag-

ing manner. He is awaiting a reply from the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, to whom he had the question referred some time ago, as to whether we will be allowed to exhibit next year's crop of honey.

A part of his letter reads as follows: "I may say however that my own opinion, with which Mr. Lowe* agrees, is that in view of the importance of your particular industry and the cogent reasons for a departure, in your favor, from the usual rule, an exception will probably be made in this case."

I am quite confident that Sir Charles Tupper's reply will be all we can desire.

I would further state that "It is the intention of the Canadian Executive Commissioner to establish a dining room or restaurant, and to have it exclusively supplied with Canadian fresh meats, fruits, vegetables and wines, having in view the fact that this Exhibition will probably be visited by an estimated number of seven millions of people from the United Kingdom, the continent of Europe, and the most remote parts of the British Empire.

Now, I feel pretty well persuaded that you will all agree with me that bee-keepers cannot afford to be behind in any particular at this great Exhibition. We must have some of our honey there too, for everybody to taste of, "and don't you forget it."

Let them try it and they'll buy it.

S. T. PETTITT,

Pres. O. B. K. A.

Belmont, Ont., Jan'y 6, 1886.

*Mr John Lowe is Secretary of Agriculture at Ottawa.

While friend Pettitt has been working with commendable energy, we, too, have been trying to assist, as the following from Mr. Wright, one of the Canadian Agents will explain:

I have communicated with the Department of Agriculture regarding the matter referred to in your last two letters. Mr. Lowe informs me that he thinks your views may be carried out provided you are ready with an exhibit which will fill the space creditably at the time specified in the regulations—that is, to be ready for shipment not later than the last week in February. Mr. Lowe adds that he does not see that there can be any substantial objection made to the change of exhibits as you propose, during the summer, in view of the substantial reasons I gave in my letter to him. He will forward my letter to Sir Charles Tupper at London. In the meantime, I am of opinion that you will be able to make the exhibit you desire.

A. W. WRIGHT.

Toronto, Dec. 18, 1885.