

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

THE INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the commissioners of the O.B.K.A. was called by Chairman Pettit on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, to interview the Ontario Legislation regarding the grant of \$1000 asked by the association, and to arrange other matters connected with the exhibit. Present: S. T. Pettit, R. McKnight, S. Corneil, J. B. Hall, D. A. Jones and the Sec.-Treas.

After the meeting was opened the subject was fully discussed, when the Canadian agents were called on, and further arrangements made.

The Government was then waited on, and the result is most gratifying. They have granted the association the amount asked for \$1000, and have also promised to incorporate the Association and give it annually a grant of \$500.

After this part of the programme was satisfactorily arranged the Commissioners met and passed the following resolution:

That all goods sent forward by the members of the association, through the Commissioners, shall be at the risk of the producer.

That the Commissioners shall be empowered to dispose of the goods after the exhibition is over on such terms as in their judgment is best.

That the Commissioners shall give their time free of charge, but their necessary expenses shall be borne by the Association.

That all necessary expenditures in connection with the exhibit over and above the amount granted by the Ontario Government to be made *pro rata* from exhibit sold.

That all members of the Association desirous of forwarding any goods with the first shipment, will need to forward them by freight or express (prepaid) to Beeton, Ont., to be shipped from there at the cost and charge of the Government.

The subject of the styles of packages in which the honey is to be put up is under discussion by the Commissioners, and as soon as they have decided on the styles due notice will be given.

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W. COUSE, Sec.-Treas.

Probably a little further explanation in regard to the above might be acceptable. The thanks of Ontario Bee-Keepers, are due the Legislature and all those who assisted in securing the grant. The arrangement of the Commissioners was that we should undertake to have the honey plants we have mounted forwarded at once, also supplies, etc., to fill up the space; as

the bulk of the goods would probably go from Beeton it was thought best to make this the *starting* point—that is, the point from whence the government pay the charges. Thus all bee-keepers who have anything to send with the first shipment will be required to forward *at once* to Beeton, their intended exhibit. We have secured the the services of Mr. Wm. Brodie, of Toronto, and several other prominent members of the Natural History Society, to mount the honey-plants, and they will be well done we are assured.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONEY MARKET.

WAE notice in the C. B. J. that R. F. Holterman urges upon bee-keepers the necessity of creating a market for honey, and feel it a duty as a bee-keeper to coincide with friend H.'s ideas. When I came to Brockville, some ten years ago, I found the market in a neglected and dirty condition as regards the honey trade, and for sometime afterwards. The consumers were forced to digest honey mixed with bee-bread, pollen, etc., and this all mixed together sold from 8 cts. to 10 cts. per pound. About five years ago when I commenced the bee-business here with movable frame hives I found great opposition in regard to prices when I introduced my honey in the market; consumers expected to get my honey at the same price as that at which they had been in the habit of buying. I used every endeavor to educate the consumer to understand the difference between strained and extracted honey and between section and brimstone honey. Everyone who inspected what I offered for sale was delighted with its fine appearance, and that year I sold the extracted for 12 cts. and the section for 18 and 20 cts.; the following year several others abandoned the old box hive and starch boxes and replaced them with the Jones hive. I suggested to these bee-keepers the advisability of maintaining a uniform price during the season. The past year I had no trouble in selling my honey, everyone to whom I sold in former years was satisfied to pay a fair price for an article which they appreciated. If every bee-keeper will exert himself in devising means and methods for the development of their home market there will be little danger of over production for a long time to come, and honey will not as now be used as a luxury, but will be found in every household in the Dominion.

F. W. FULFORD.

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