

comes when, as Mr. Demaree says, he makes the starving bees take care of empty combs during their starvation in order to keep the moth from them. Oh, ye *business* men, what high aspirations, noble sentiment, and still such people expect to go to Heaven. I suppose their blunted minds cannot realize that a bee can suffer as much accordingly while starving as a horse. You think they are so small that they can't suffer. Well, is not a whole swarm of bees as big as a lamb? Now, suppose you don't want any increase in sheep, would you leave the lambs in the field away from their mothers to starve in the cold, or, as you say, "to look out for themselves?" Business, is it? Well if people let all their actions be governed by business principles of that character, subduing all sentiment, smothering their conscience, how civilized would you be. What is it that makes people civilized anyway? Won't some of you say that over again what you were saying a few years ago about the poetry of bee-keeping, and the intelligence of bee-keepers, their perceptibility, etc. Oh, ye people, who blow hot and then blow cold. Dishonest, is it, to weigh the sections with the honey when selling it? Brother Demaree says it is; but I have been in the grocery business and am well acquainted with these terrible honest people. I don't mean to infer that Brothers Demaree or McKnight are dishonest by any means; but you have heard of him that strained at a gnat but swallowed a camel, well it's him I'm talking of, and the woods is full of them, those very honest people who owe me for groceries they bought of me many years ago. My experience has taught me that where honesty is on a man's tongue it seldom gets down to his pocket. Mr. McKnight is right so far as selling tea and some of the finer goods is concerned, at least I never practiced weighing the paper with such goods; but custom makes all laws that are too small or unimportant for our law makers to bother their heads with, and I followed the customary rules or law, call it which you please, for what is law but the consent of the majority, and if the people were all honest and could remember what all the laws were, there would be no need of any written law. I followed the law of custom, and did not deduct the weight of section from honey, or the pits from peaches or prunes, or the rind from pork or cheese, or the bone from fish or ham or other meats, or the thousand and one things I might mention that are sold as they are, including the canvas on hams, bran in meal, etc. These things are all sold as they are, and a price set on them accordingly, to save the trouble of deducting weight of those portions not eatable, and I hope I did not

buy honey of any man who took all the bees stores, and left them to look out for themselves."

JOHN F. GATES.

Ovid, Erie Co., Pa.

Brant County Fair.

THE prizes awarded at the Brant County Fair were as follows:

Display of extracted honey, 200 lbs., C. Edminson, J. R. Howell.

Display of comb and extracted honey, 100 lbs of each, D. Anguish.

Best 10 lb. clover honey, C. Edminson, J. R. Howell.

Best 10 lb. Linden honey, J. R. Howell, D. Anguish.

Best 20 lb. comb honey, D. Anguish, C. Edminson.

Best honey vinegar, D. Anguish, J. R. Howell.

Fruit preserved in honey, J. R. Howell.

F. A. Rose, Balmoral, Judge.

Burford Township Premiums.

HIS show will be held on the 16th and 17th of Oct., at Harley.

Best 100 lbs comb honey	3 00
2nd do	2 00
3rd do, by D. Anguish, foundation	
"fastener	
Best 100 lbs. extracted honey	3 00
2nd do	2 00
3rd do	1 00
Best 20 lbs. comb honey	2 00
2nd do, by T. Murray, tested queen,	
value	1 00
3rd do	50
Best 20 lbs extracted honey	2 00
2nd do, by D. Anguish, smoker,	
value,	1 00
3rd do	50
Best 5 lbs. clover extracted honey	75
2nd do	50
3rd do	25
Best 5 lbs. linden extracted honey	75
2nd do	50
3rd do	25
Best 5 lbs. buckwheat extracted honey	75
2nd do	50
3rd do	25

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The 23rd Semi-annual Session of the Central Michigan Bee-keepers' Association will meet in Pioneer Room, Capital, Lansing, Mich., on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1896. Every one interested invited. A special invitation to the Ladies. Be sure and come.

W. A. Barnes, Sec.

Secretaries of local associations are requested to forward us, at the earliest possible moment, the dates of their meetings; and when the convention is over, a full report of the proceedings.