

## SPECIALITY IN BEE-KEEPING.

## Has it, Or Will it Pay in Canda.

Like most subjects relating to modern apiculture this one also appears a little threadbare, at least in the majority of sections throughout Canada. True, there are a few locations which have not totally thrown up the sponge, they having always yielded some honey even in poor seasons, but such sections are few and far between. Apiculture on the whole, therefore, has not been remunerative enough to justify the abandoning of all other things and depending solely on it for a livelihood. There are however, some few apiarists, who in the past have devoted their whole time and labor to specialty, and made it pay too, at least for a certain length of time, and who had very serious thoughts of doing nothing else, who now think quite differently, and are indeed almost completely discouraged. I may also add, that, of a large number who quite recently commenced the business of honey production, some on quite an extensive scale, that the majority have lost the major part of their enthusiasm, and some in fact have given up in disgust. The latter, for the most part, being those who thought that neither brains nor work were necessary to follow it up. This to some extent, is not so much to be wondered at, as seasons of late have not been all that one could desire, the present one seeming to cap the climax in this respect, it being one of the very worst experienced in Canada.

Now while I have thus written of Canada I have also like many others, come to the conclusion that even in the United States, our brother bee-keepers are not as jubilant as they at one time were, indeed I could not but observe this fact during my short visit in Southern California the past winter. Bee-keepers like ourselves in Canada, have been trying to study out locations, the weather, the rain fall, etc., and even the best kind of hive for migratory bee-keeping, in order that full advantage may be taken of the pasturage at different seasons of the year. There is another factor in connection with bee-keeping at the present day, in addition to the poor seasons, and that is the poor prices our product seems to realize. As to the remedy for the latter I confess I am unable as yet to suggest one, other than I have already done, viz., to caution those who may have been fortunate enough to secure a crop of any consequence this season, to demand a good price for the same, in the hope that those who in a great measure depend on apiculture for supplying bread and butter to their families may not

require to sacrifice what may be harvested another season. F. A. GEMMELL.  
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## Toronto Industrial Fair.

An unbroken record of successes in the past is the best possible guarantee that the Toronto Industrial Exhibition of 1895, which opens on the 2nd of September, will be a display of unrivalled attractiveness. Many improvements in the buildings and grounds have been made to further the convenience of exhibitors and the public, and with the return of an era of prosperity, the enterprise of the management will doubtless be rewarded by a thorough appreciation of the inducements offered. The volume of exhibits this season will be larger and more diversified than ever before, and special attractions of a brilliant and exciting character will be presented, including the novel military spectacle "The Relief of Lucknow," with gorgeous Oriental accessories and pyrotechnic effects on a scale of grandeur and variety hitherto unequalled. The system of cheap railway fares and special excursions from far and near enables all to visit the fair at trifling cost, and everyone should take advantage of the opportunity, as it embodies all that is best worth seeing and knowing in mechanical progress and scientific invention. All entries close on the 10th of August.

## GUIDING THOUGHTS.

Silence is one great art of conversation. —Hazlitt.

To pity distress is but human; to relieve it is Godlike —Horace Mann.

The grief which all hearts share grows less for one —Edwin Arnold.

Make life a ministry of love, and it will always be worth living. —Browning.

There is no fit search after truth which does not, first of all, begin to live the truth which it knows. —Bushnell.

We are doing a good deal towards making ourselves look old and ugly when we give way to worry and fretfulness. —Ruskin.

A holy life has a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof. —Hinton.

He who is false to a present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find a flaw when he may have forgotten its cause. —Beecher.