

The "Busy Bee" Competition.

The contest which closed on May 31 for the prize offered for the 'best and most sprightly verses,' submitted on the 'Busy Bee' Cartoon, published in this paper some time ago, brought in sixty-five entries, and the territory they covered, no less than the diversity of competitors, showed how widespread was the pleasant interest aroused by the competition.

Most of the entries came from Ontario next in number being those from Nova Scotia; Manitoba, British Columbia, and the new provinces were all represented, also Quebec and Prince Edward Island, while Brooklyn and New



York each sent one entry, and one poem traversed the wide Atlantic to bring an Englishman's tribute to the 'Canadian Pictorial.'

Youth and maiden, boy and girl, the dignified matron, the retired army officer, the clergyman, all alike set themselves to the task. The contest was a surprisingly difficult one, for whatever the charms of the 'Canadian Pictorial' in itself, and however pleasing 'photographing' or 'kodaking' may be as pastimes, certainly to manipulate such words in any sort of verse was no easy matter, so that the greater credit belongs to those who have won honors.

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