

will be carried to a higher court. The suit is before Judge Boardman, of Ithaca. The Judge says he has never had a like suit before. Men interested in bees and honey from several states are in attendance.

DELHI, N. Y., Oct. 7.—The Hobart bee suit has been decided in favor of the plaintiff with six cents damages. The case will be carried to a higher court.

Mr. McKeon adds as a postscript that the plaintiff has sued for \$1,500 and the removal of the bees. We find in the last report of the National Bee Keepers' Association that the general manager says:—

S. W. Rich, of Hobart, N. Y., was sued by a jealous, disagreeable neighbor for \$1,500 and compelled him to remove his apiary outside of the city limits. This suit was defended by the union and is not decided yet.

The probabilities are now as stated in the above extracts, that the case will be carried to a higher court.

THE HONEY EXHIBIT.

AT TORONTO, AS SEEN BY AN INDEPENDENT AND UNBIASSED VISITOR.

THE following article we copy from the *Rural Canadian*. It is written by Rev. W. F. Clarke, who is the editor of the apianian department in that journal and it may be looked upon as an unbiased view of the exhibits as they were seen by visitors.

"This department of 'Canada's Greatest Fair' was located the present year in the southern half of the dairy building, an arrangement which gave ampler accommodation inside, but allowed no exterior space for hives, tents, clamps and other bulky fixtures. The honey house used heretofore was much too straight, both for the exhibit and the visitors who wished to see it. Now that the association is flush in funds, it would be well to erect a building specially for the accommodation of honey-producers and dealers in apianian supplies.

It is well known that the present season has been an unfavorable one for the interests of bee-keepers. A hard winter was followed by a dry, hot summer, during which the honey flora bloomed but sparingly, and was very deficient in liquid sweetness. Consequently the crop of honey is short, so much so, that some who have been prominent exhibitors heretofore have not a pound of honey to sell or to display to the eyes of an admiring public. Still, it is

only by the conspicuous absence of noted exhibitors that any impression would be gathered that the season of 1887 has been a bad one for honey. There seemed to be abundance of it in jars and cans of all sorts and sizes; also, in sections and section-cases of various dimensions and shapes. The quality of this year's honey is very fine. It is unusually thick and rich. Sometimes there is complaint of honey being thin and watery. This is apt to be its character in a dropping summer. However deficient in quantity, it is A 1 in quality the present year. The samples competing for prizes were so uniformly good as greatly to puzzle the judges.

The display of comb honey in sections was particularly fine. It would seem that the manufacture of sections has been carried to such a pitch of excellence as to leave nothing to be desired by way of further improvement. The contrast between the first rough and dark-coloured sections that were put on the market and the beautifully smooth and white sections now made of poplar and bass-wood is as great as could well be imagined. We were formerly dependent on American manufacturers for our sections, but they are now made by Canadian manufacturers in a style quite equal to the very best samples that can be shown on the other side of the lines. The same may be said of other apianian requisites. All that is needed in the prosecution of practical bee-keeping can now be obtained home-made, at cheaper prices than those which were formerly imported from the United States. The samples of hives, extractors, bee-smokers, comb foundation and other bee-keeping requisites exhibited at the Toronto Industrial proved that a complete equipment for a first-class apiary can be had by all engaged in bee-keeping, or proposing to go into it, at their very doors.

Large quantities of honey were sold in the course of the exhibition. In addition to the supply brought for show purposes, orders were taken for future delivery, at good prices. Bee-keepers will not have to complain of a slow or a low market the present year, and perhaps the demand, whetted by scarcity, will be all the keener in years to come than it would have been under the influence of a continued glut. It will be well for all whom it may concern to take notice that hereafter the cutting up of honey for sale is to be prohibited at the Toronto Industrial, as it ought to be at all exhibitions. This practice is messy and slovenly, attracts the bees of the neighborhood in large multitudes, making visitors nervous and fearful of being stung; and though many pounds of honey are sold by means of it, there is room to question if the greatest