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NOTES AND COMMENTS

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The Fruit, Flower and Honey Show.

It is gratifying to note that this year the Fruit, Flower and Honey Show was not a financial failure, as was the case the two preceding years. Some members, at the Association convention, were of the opinion that in case the show again turned out unsatisfactory the government would discontinue it as an annual event. While we will all agree that it is much more satisfactory to all concerned to have the balance on the right side of the ledger, yet if the show continued to have a modest deficit for a few years, there is very much doubt the wisdom of discontinuing it for that reason. A great deal of public money is annually spent in educating the masses and furthering the interests of different industries. The most ardent partisan will have to admit that in both our Federal and Provincial Governments a vast amount of money is spent on questionable enterprises. For reasons manifest to all, we will consider the matter, the various products on exhibition at the show are of such a nature that it is hardly practicable to advertise their value as food products, as is possible in the case of the various breakfast

foods, glucose mixtures, etc., advertisements of which confront the public in any newspaper they happen to pick up.

Fruit, vegetables and honey are Nature's products, direct, without any manufacturing on the part of man, and all three are accorded a first place in the list of healthy food products by all writers of repute. Where, then, does the harm come in if the Government choose to spend a few thousand dollars a year in demonstrating these facts to the general public, and at the same time furthering the interests of legitimate enterprise? We have not referred to the flower section of the show, but just as strong reasons can be brought in support of this industry as in the others mentioned. Let us all do our part to make the exhibition a success financially, but by all means let the same be continued as an annual event even if there should happen to be a deficit occasionally.

Size of Winter Entrances.

As most readers of the C. B. J. are aware, I am most decidedly in favor of a fair-sized (four to five square inches) winter entrance. However, after attending the convention this fall and hearing again the success that some good bee-keepers have with small entrances, I decided to contract entrances in one yard smaller than usual and note results. Along in the early part of December we had quite a heavy storm of sleet and rain, followed by severe freezing. On visiting the yard