

to perform, by neither tasting nor smelling the exhibit. Bee-keepers should pay more attention to the body and flavor and less to its color, and in a short time even the most indifferent dealer will discover that it is to his interest to secure a honey possessing all the above good qualities.
—*Rural Californian.*

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Superintendence of the Honey Exhibit at the Chicago Exhibition.

THE gentleman who has been selected as superintendent of the World's Fair honey exhibit at Chicago is Mr. Allen Pringle, of Selby, Ont.; and whilst we may not all agree with Mr. Pringle upon some important issues, there is no reason whatever why we should withhold from him our hearty support in this matter, or refuse to give him every assistance in our power. Mr. Pringle will, I have no doubt, be liberal-minded enough to receive suggestions from all who may send them, provided they are couched in a spirit calculated to enhance the best interests of the cause. I am very much interested in the success of our efforts to get a market for our surplus honey, and I have the impression that at Chicago we shall meet buyers from all parts of the world at better prices than many of us are getting just now. I have recently learned that in past years quite a quantity of honey was shipped to France, and I am also advised by friends that Germany is likely to offer better prices even than the United Kingdom for our surplus honey.

Mr. Pringle has hard work before him. All comb honey, in transit, should be handled under his supervision; and we, as bee-keepers, should not be satisfied until we are assured by Mr. Commissioner Awrey, M.P.P., that Mr. Pringle shall have at least three months in Chicago, during a portion of which time he shall be in attendance at the Exhibition to give information to purchasers.

In closing, let me once more entreat all—and our friends especially—to give Mr. Pringle all the help we can in the work he has undertaken.

R. F. HOLTERMANN.

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Honey-Yielding Plants and Climatic Conditions.

EDITOR BEE JOURNAL,—In this connection I will treat first of the black locust. This tree is usually very rich in honey, but the only nectar which it produces is that with which the bloom opens out. If some

good showers of rain have occurred before it blossoms it will furnish an abundant crop of honey; if otherwise, it produces honey sparingly.

I take the tulip or poplar next. This yields best in dry weather, and whilst in bloom the drier the weather the better. I have noticed that if showers are abundant whilst it blooms it affords little honey, as the blossoms stand almost straight up so that the rain drowns them out.

Basswood yields more or less honey under almost any conditions; though I think it produces more under a damp atmosphere, provided it is not too wet.

Clover yields best also when the atmosphere is a little humid; but horse mint and cotton yield when the sun shines warmest, and gives more nectar about midday than at any other time.

Mint will furnish honey all day long after the sun is well up; and as soon as the bee unloads one petal, it will fill right up again. If the weather is fine, and the bees strong, a great yield is the general result.

Now, my ideal location is within a range where I can take in as many of these honey-yielding plants as possible; and where I can secure honey throughout the year and under all kinds of atmospheric conditions. Texas will not be able to report even a half crop of honey this year, owing to the lateness of the spring and its accompanying cool and rainy weather. I think, however, that the fall flowers will furnish sufficient honey to enable us to get our bees into winter quarters in first-class condition, as we have had fine late summer showers all over the State, and vegetation is looking very well.

Yours, etc.,

JENNIE ATCHLEY.

Floyd, Hunt Co., Texas.

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After-Dinner Thoughts.

IT is raining to day, and cold enough to be comfortable with the door closed and a fire in the stove. This is as it should be, for the Great Director of all things is at the helm. Our annual conference is now being held at this place, and my wife has got things baked up in great shape. You see we are going to entertain some of the many ministers who are here, and custom that prevails at this time demands that we pay heed to the cry:

"Give us this day our daily bread," and pies and cake beside,
To load the stomach, pain the head, and choke the vital tide.

Wal, them as want a mud puddle behind their eyes kin have it by eatin' pize an'-cake.