

down to poultry raising and after due consideration thinks that poultry and bees is about the best combination that he knows of; under any circumstances it seems to be desirable that there should be a combination. What that combination may happen to be had better be left with the special test of the bee-keeper himself. There are many who might make small fruits and bees go together while just as many others could not make a success of it at all.

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#### THE COMBINATION HIVE FRAME.

There is a statement made in the report of the Toronto Exhibition as it appears in the *Canadian Honey Producer* which we should like to correct. In speaking of the hives which we exhibited, it says:—"The hive with the Langstroth frame for brood chamber took the several firsts." On reference to the prize list, it will be found that the D. A. Jones Co. obtained first prize in all the departments where hives were exhibited, viz., in sections 11, 12 and 16 and the "Combination" hive with the new super and inverting apparatus was the hive shown in every instance. The inside measurement of the frame in the "Combination" hive is  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{8}$  while, the inside measurement of the Langstroth frame is  $17\frac{1}{8} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ . At Ottawa the "combination" hive was awarded the first prize and the Langstroth second.

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#### AN EXPLANATION.

In the same paper, Mr. Willows writes with reference to the way the judging was done at the Toronto Exhibition and he refers to the D. A. Jones Company, when he speaks of the judging in the best display of extracted honey, not less than 1000 pounds, in which the above secured the first prize, and Mr. Willows second. We do not want to find fault but merely to set ourselves right in this respect. On our arrival at Toronto, we found that the space which we had spoken for and which had been promised us, had, through a misunderstanding, been granted to another exhibitor, and as the space which was left for us was totally inadequate to the display which we desired to make, we at first decided

not to show at all, but after an explanation from the directors of the Association, we agreed to make the best of the space which was left us. Again, sickness prevented one of our best hands from being with us the first three days, and another of our assistants after working a half-day took sick and could do nothing for the first week, so that we were unable to put our exhibit in order as speedily as we desired. No one regretted this more than ourselves and we trust that it will not occur again. It is true that the Association did ask the exhibitors to be in position by the Saturday evening previous but we know of no case where this rule was carried out, as there were many exhibitors not in shape after ours was completed for inspection, though perhaps not in the honey building.

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The same writer, in concluding his letter, says:—"Would it not also be well to have a rule made and enforced prohibiting exhibitors interfering with the judges in any way while on duty." This would be a good thing were it practicable, but unfortunately it is not. In the matter of hives and other appliances in the apiary, it is absolutely necessary that exhibitors should explain the working of their hives and fixtures. In so far as the judging of the honey is concerned no exhibitor should interfere, and the judges at the late fair did not, we think, permit such a thing. Doubtless they were quite willing and felt bound to listen to explanations such as we were forced to give them with reference to our display not being in shape. If after this explanation Mr. Willows thinks we have not done what is perfectly right we are willing to remit the difference between the 1st and 2nd prize to him and we are willing to give him the credit of having had the finest exhibit at the time when the exhibits really should have been ready to judge. We want to do what is right in the matter, and certainly, if after explaining to the judges our position, they considered our excuse of sufficient force to make it valid, it leaves our hands clean, and leaves the matter between the judges and Mr. Willows, not between ourselves and him.