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Only five exhibitors of honey at the National Exhibition, Messrs. Grainger & Co., Lang, Anguish, A. Lang and Johnson. This does not adequately represent the industry of apiculture in the Dominion.

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Don't forget the National Bee-Keepers' Convention at Albany. It is the bee-man's great holiday, and there, too, he will have the pleasure of meeting his American cousins. Mr. J. L. Byer is slated for a paper on "Extracted Honey—from Nectar to Market."

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Many bee-keepers were extremely pleased to see what we believe is a new feature at the National Exhibition. The apicultural section of the O. A. C. was represented by Mr. Morley Pettit, and in his charge there was on view in addition to an eight-frame reversible extractor and gasoline engine, an observatory hive around which crowds collected all day long. At intervals Mr. Pettit gave practical demonstrations with a colony of bees in a bee tent. Mr. Pettit's pleasant mode of conveying information to his audience was greatly appreciated.

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A very peculiar and perhaps unparalleled accident happened a few days ago in a neighboring county. Two ladies were driving along the roadway over which hung some large trees. In passing under one of these the top of the buggy struck a swarm of bees hanging from one of the branches. The top of the buggy cut the swarm in two midway, the lower half dropping into the buggy upon the laps of the ladies. Of course there was a commotion. A couple of men happening along at the moment prevented what might have proved a serious accident.

"Two or three times of late we have entered a caution against letting bees clean up exposed wet extracting-combs in the vicinity of a common highway or in a locality where neighboring dwellings are very close to each other. While we still think the caution is a wise one to put before beginners, we are convinced that under some conditions, an expert can have his combs cleaned out in this way to advantage."—Gleanings September 1st.

Have you not noticed that when the combs are cleaned up outside that there is a considerable amount of damage done to the comb, and that a great waste of wax takes place? On the other hand when the combs are cleaned up on the hive, the bees rather improve them, and there is no waste of wax? We have noticed this several times. In cleaning up outside the bees seem to be conscious of robbing something not their own, and there appears to be a vicious tearing down and destruction of the comb in their mad desire to get honey. This seems to be entirely reversed when the wet frames are placed on the hive.

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What is to be the next progressive step in Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association? Undoubtedly it should be along the lines of some co-operative movement for the sale of honey. We have been studying the co-operative movement for some time, and have been amazed as its possibilities have been borne in upon us. The British Co-operative movement is one of the big things of the last half century. Its great growth during the last twenty years has been stupendous. At the coming convention a committee should be appointed to take this matter up, and formulate some

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