

The statement is absurd on the face of it. The company purchase and handle 50,000 to 100,000 lbs. of honey over and above their own production. They have to buy from bee-keepers and sell again, making margin enough to pay freight and business expenses, to say nothing of some gain for handling. So they must sell at something more than the lowest prices bee-keepers are selling at. The above denial is written by the request of several subscribers who are our friends.

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Last winter bees wintered successfully in almost any shape. Packed and un-

**A Note of Warning.** thing but queenless colonies wintered all-right. I would like to warn bee-keepers that it was an exceptionally favorable winter and the conditions which answered then, may not pass muster again for many years. Have a queen for every colony, and abundance of good stores. This excludes stores with honey dew, but not well ripened buckwheat honey. I believe that instead of the centre of the brood chamber being empty and the stores outside of the cluster, unless the best conditions prevail to take away moisture, it is better to have fewer empty cells and compel the bees to spread over their combs and prevent the stores from absorbing moisture.

#### The Toronto Industrial Honey Exhibit.

The Toronto Industrial has come and gone, and with it another excellent showing by Ontario Bee Keepers.

Those exhibiting were—Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., G. E. Saunders, James Shaver, Chas. Brown, R. H. Smith, J. W. Sparling, Geo. Langs, Wm. Goodyear.

The honey exhibit adjoined that of the carriage exhibit, near the main western entrance. The exhibits were very large and complete and tastefully displayed.

The Goold, Shapley & Muir Co. took most firsts. On bee supplies they took all firsts.

G. E. Saunders did very well, took first for most prizes on honey. James Shaver

took first on best 10 pound comb; Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., 2nd

Chas. Brown had probably the best exhibit he ever had.

R. H. Smith had a very neat and tastefully arranged exhibit.

J. W. Sparling had a splendid exhibit, and the tastiest decorations of any in the building.

Mr. Geo. Langs and Wm. Goodyear also had good exhibits.

Mrs. J. W. Sparling was a bright star in the social life of the honey building during the two weeks sojourn at the fair.

Large crowds visited the honey building, and many indulged their appetite with the sweet nectar, but on the whole there was a great falling off in sales from last year. This was, no doubt, the result of the large honey crop. JAS. J. HURLEY.

#### The Ontario Convention at Guelph.

R. F. Holtermann, Esq., Brantford Ont.

Dear Sir—I have applied to the Grand Trunk and to the Canadian Pacific Railway Companies for a return to Guelph, starting on Monday December 5th, and ending on Saturday December 10th, at a single fare rate. In writing I have mentioned, the Fat Stock Show, the Poultry Show, the annual meeting of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association, the meeting of the Guelph Poultry Association, and the meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union. We are going to work very hard indeed to get a single fare rate. If we are not successful in this, I think we should certainly arrange to have one certificate cover all the features of interest in Guelph for that week. I certainly think it would be a good plan for each in advertising their meetings and shows which will take place in Guelph the same week. Who are the President and Secretary of the Bee Keepers' Association this year? Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience giving any suggestions which you can. Possibly we could get a card mentioning the different meetings and shows which will take place in Guelph during the week, giving the dates of each, and mentioning the terms which we can make with the Railway. These posted in conspicuous places might work to the advantage of all.

Yours Truly,

C. A. ZAVITZ,

Sec'y Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union.