

swarming is reduced to such a minimum that it really wouldn't pay for the labour of getting down to the brood chamber to examine it during the heavy flow of honey he experienced last year. The time could be much more profitably spent attending more bees.

The elections have come and gone, and reciprocity has been defeated at the polls. For some time to come bee-keepers will have nothing to fear from free honey. Having the market pretty much to ourselves, it behoves us, since we have elected to remain as we are, to view our natural responsibilities, as well as advantages. There is one responsibility in particular which I should like to call attention to, that of keeping up a representative and creditable national journal. Our editor is doing good work, but everyone must remember that getting material together is not easy work, nor is the subscription list sufficiently long to make the labor a particularly remunerative one. Printing is Mr. Hurley's livelihood, just as bee-keeping is ours. We know how we were stirred up when we thought our markets endangered. Even if some do not agree with him in matters of trade policy, yet we have but one Canadian Bee Journal, and our national pride ought to prompt every one of us to lend a hand, that the labour of producing it fall not too heavily upon one. Let us have full and generous reciprocity of ideas, so that if the time should come when the government could no longer extend to us the present protection, we may, by mutual good will and fellowship, have so developed and organized our business that we should have no need to fear any competition.

The honey exhibit at the Western Fair was not large. There were only three exhibitors, but even so it made an attractive display. Mrs. Anguish was there attending to the business end of the exhibit when I called around. We are sure she is one of those "silent partners," who

have done much to make the bee business a success. This department would like very much to hear from her.

The O. A. C. had the exhibition of handling live bees again on the grounds, with some of the students interested in apiculture in charge. My visit was paid too late in the day to see a demonstration. Bee-keepers are not altogether favourable in their comments on this method of bringing bee-keeping before the public, the fear being that making a popular side-show of bees may have a tendency to make bee-keeping appear mere child's play, and so help to swell the ranks of incompetent bee-keepers. Bee-keepers welcome all capable men to their ranks, but they do fear the man whose bees, being only a side line, will usually have to take chances, and if disease should strike them, become a menace to the whole community.

An exhibit from the Middlesex B. K. A. did not materialize at the Western, the committee, like the committee on co-operative selling, finding too much indifference among the bee-keepers to warrant the undertaking. The truth is that marketing conditions are at present too favourable for the need of such an effort to be apparent. With honey wholesaling at from 11 to 12 cents, bee-keepers are well content.

Wandering through the transportation building, a comfortable little motor run-about tempted me to sit down and rest. Presently the manager of the exhibit came along, and we fell into a conversation about automobiles. Now I have always been interested in autos, because they seem such an excellent rig for getting around among bees with. The fact that one's horses are so afraid of bees is one of the principle reasons why I had no bees in an out-yard this year. I have hitched horses up to a load of honey with the bees buzzing all around, and though I have had no accidents so far, I have been pretty well frightened a few