

ever published in Canada was given by us to the public and we are pleased that many availed themselves of that information. The Gould, Shapley & Muir Co. (L^{td}.) have always been in entire sympathy with our efforts in this direction and they have handed over for publication the letters found under *correspondence*. We trust all who have a fair surplus to dispose of will write these parties at once. C. O. F., we believe, means freight paid to Liverpool. Of course, there is probably little use giving prices on beeswax, there are several other countries we cannot compete with in this line. You can get freight rates to Liverpool from the agent at your railroad station. Expenses might be reduced by several shipping together or shipping separately to Montreal and then jointly. If you do not care to ship alone send us word of the amount you have to dispose of and its quality, how you are prepared to ship, in cans, if so what size, or in barrels and price. If none on hand now, what about next season. We want to make no money out of this deal only promote the prosperity of bee-keeping in Canada. This is in the interest of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and in return the Journal we feel sure will have the hearty support of Canadian bee-keepers. There is an old motto which may partially apply to the case—"United we stand, divided we fall."

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Enquiries have come in regarding the medals and diplomas awarded to bee-keepers at the World's

The World's Fair, Chicago. Some Medals & Diplomas were beginning to think that they will never see the Medals, and Diplomas, and still more are convinced that they have well nigh outlived their usefulness before birth. The following letter will be of interest:—

Ottawa, 4th Dec., 1894.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Honorable, the Minister of Agriculture, asking to be informed as to when Medals and Diplomas awarded at the

late World's Columbian Exposition are likely to issue.

The latest word received from the Exposition authorities in Washington, intimates that it is hoped the issue will be made this month. The delay, it appears, has been caused by the war troubles in Japan, as they are dependent upon that country for the necessary supply of parchment required. I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. L. JARVIS,

For Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Some of these awards were made over a year and six months ago, all of them over a year ago. The Japanese war did not break out until long after the Diplomas should have been sent out, so our readers are indirectly in possession of a great state secret. The warriors in Japan must have been preparing for a long time for the struggle they have been engaged in—Lesson—. Do not depend upon one country alone for parchment or during a prolonged struggle the country will be able to make no more lawyers, doctors, B. S. A's, L. L. D's, etc. etc. Our Washington friends have framed a very good excuse, the question is when shall we be able to frame our Diplomas.

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In the *American Bee Journal* we find the following query:

1. Which is best as cover
Comb Honey. for sections, enameled cloth, small strips of glass laid over the openings, or a quarter inch bee-space cover?
2. Why?

In the answers twelve make use of appliances which give them no bee-space over the sections. Ten have a space over the sections and two have no particular choice. Of those who undertake to reply to the second part of the question six, of those who favor no space urge convenience and five cleanliness. Of those who favor a space five urge convenience and five cleanliness, and none of those who favor a bee-space over the sections give as a reason that better filled sections are possible. A year ago or more, we gave the following as