

managers, just concluded at Milwaukee, Wis., state that Chicago is undoubtedly going to capture it.

We do not think that any one will for a moment dispute the advisability of the appointment of a delegate to look after the bee keeping interests at the World's Fair no matter where it may be held. But, are we not premature in discussing who that delegate will be, until it has first been decided where the World's Fair will be held. It appears to us that the first thing to be considered in the appointment of such a delegate is his proximity to the city in which it is decided to hold the exhibition. If we can find in either of the cities named a man having the requisite influence and ability we should by all means appoint him our delegate.

No better person could be found than Thos. G. Newman the editor of *The A. B. J.* should the fair be held at Chicago. We are sure that such an appointment would meet with the unanimous approval of the whole bee keeping fraternity, and, if friend Newman can be induced to accept the position, all may rest assured that our interests will be well looked after.

We observe that *Gleanings* has suggested that Dr. Mason receive the appointment. While the Dr.'s ability can not be doubted, and while we consider that he would be able to give a first class account of his work after the fair was over, yet does not the distance at which he resides from either New York or Chicago practically debar his appointment.

If we understand the duty of the delegate, it will be quite necessary that he shall live near, or in, either of the cities named. We do not mention this through any desire to question the Dr.'s ability, but as we understand it the International Bee Keepers' Association will, in all probability, be responsible for the expenses of such delegate, and it is a matter of the first moment that the railway and other expenses be as light as possible.

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Judging Apiarian Exhibits.

THE system of employing but one man to pass judgment on the apiarian exhibits at fairs is a wrong one and should be dispensed with. It is far from satisfactory. The single judge may have personal friends among the exhibitors and know which exhibits are owned by him; maybe "approached" by parties desirous of securing certain awards for commercial reasons, and he may lack in knowledge concerning, or fail to notice, some or many of the finer points necessary in giving a close decision.

Honey is a difficult article to judge, there is no standard by which to make the award and many points such as texture, color and flavor have to be considered. We doubt if there is another article shown at our fairs as difficult to decide upon as honey. Butter is probably next on the list and on this commodity we have never known less than two judges to be appointed. Yet it is customary for our American friends to appoint one man as sole judge of honey. With a number of samples to taste and examine, this one judge must of a verity be an expert if his decision is correct, which we venture to assert it rarely is. Especially is this the case where tasting is omitted and the opinion formed on appearance alone.

Awarding premiums to personal friends is an evil which can flourish under the single judge system, but would meet its death blow under our almost general Canadian plan of employing three. We do not say that it is customary for the judge to thus prostitute his office, but we know of instances where it has been done, and repeat that it is an evil which can only exist under the one judge system.

The value of the award is lessened where judgment has been passed upon the exhibits by one individual only. The honor of winning the coveted premium is enhanced when it is known that the article has successfully passed the critical scrutiny of three judges. Unless the superlative qualities of an exhibit are strongly apparent it is rare indeed that three men will at once agree on which to place the 'red ticket.' Discussion follows, the points of the