

poultry exhibits. In the honey department there was but one exhibitor, Mr. George Laing of Milton. There has been bad bungling somewhere. On this point we cannot do better than quote the *Globe* of Sept. 4.

Altogether there were eighteen classes of apiary products for which prizes to the amount of \$341 are offered. As there are ten thousand persons actively engaged in bee-keeping from Pelee Island to Cobalt, it would seem reasonable to expect fairly keen competition. On the contrary there was only one entry in all the apiary classes. The exhibitor is Mr. George Laing of Milton, and as he entered in the entire eighteen he has been awarded eighteen red tickets amounting to \$141. Mr. Laing has a very creditable exhibit, but his display is the only one in the honey corner of the Horticultural Building, and looks most unusual, being practically covered with red tickets and no blues or yellows to be seen.

Talking with Mr. Laing, who has been a faithful exhibitor for twenty-four years, I learned that there are generally but one or two exhibitors entered in the apiary department, although four or five prizes are offered in nearly every class. On only one occasion were there more exhibitors than could be sure of a prize each, and that was a few years ago, when six bee-keepers competed. This year two others entered, Mr. Arthur Laing of Lynn Valley and Mr. D. Anguish of Lambeth, but when the management sent out letters informing them that no honey was to be sold in the Horticultural Building they backed out of the contest. It happened that Mr. George Laing had shipped his stuff before word reached him, so, in view of this fact, the Exhibition has allowed him the right to sell, as in former years. It has meant a good thing for Mr. Laing, for, besides getting all the first prize money he has no competition in disposing of his honey. He has had to procure a number to help him serve out the busy bees' product, so prosperous has business become.

The prizes in the honey classes seem reasonable enough to invite competition. The money for a 300-pounds of comb honey is \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$6; for the same amount in an exhibit of extracted honey, \$18, \$12, \$8, and \$5 are offered; for the most attractive display the prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5. The money offered

in the other classes is not as much, first prizes ranging from \$4 to \$1.

#### What is the Trouble?

Now what is the trouble? Why did the management withdraw the privilege of selling honey—a practice that has prevailed heretofore? Why was this notice sent out at the eleventh hour? Who or what inspired the management to send out this notice? Nothing was said about the privilege of selling in the prize list, which was published as usual. There is a growing suspicion that a small clique of interested bee-keepers in and around Toronto is responsible. The facts should be brought out and these suspicions removed or confirmed. Or, is it the growing influence of the Toronto dealers, who wish to be "protected" against the slaughter of "cheap" honey in their "home market!" Whatever was the influence, it proved effective in destroying the honey exhibit. Mr. Laing informed us that he had his exhibit all prepared when he received the notice prohibiting selling. This was also the case with Mr. D. Anguish, of Lambeth. But Mr. Laing strenuously fought the issue and won. He is to be congratulated. Here is work for the Ontario Beekeepers' Association and its committee having the matter in charge. Let us have an investigation and place responsibility for this bungle.

#### The Coming Fruit, Flower and Honey Show

Judging from what we can learn the honey exhibit at the coming Horticultural Show in November next will also prove a fiasco. It is proposed that a grant of fifty dollars be given to county exhibits with no prizes offered. Three hundred dollars is set apart for this purpose—covering six counties only.

A grant of five hundred dollars has been made for this purpose. The question is being asked what is to be done with the other two hundred? How is fifty dollars to be divided between the

beekeepers of a exhibit for which offered? Is it got busy and ga the public before other opportunit

The Fair mana have made a n Department this entrance fee of charged, and so w prize list this ye was sent out that be 50 cents per bi a strong protest the exhibitors w startled the mana was rescinded, bu the result that th one thousand bird hibits.

The National F ally built up as That agriculture is to manufactures is revealing itself. bits of the prov which are all that individual exhibits declining. This is This is what the G article from whic quoted.

It may be surpris that the Canadian now in progress in primarily an agricul ually slipping from country, yet an inves in connection with farm stock and pi to prove as much. ing off in the numbe quality of a good de is far below "Exi that the careful obs food for thought. citizen of Toronto w appointing aspect of tion, he at once thing's wrong." An

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