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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, August 27th to Sept. 10th; Central Canada Exhibition, Sept. 7th to 15th; Western Fair, London, Sept. 7th to 15th. (See prize lists for honey and bee-keepers' supplies elsewhere in this issue.

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"Very disappointing" is the general verdict of Ontario bee-keepers regarding the honey season; the poorest crop that has been gathered for many years. Quebec and the Eastern Provinces have done better, the West also reports fair to good results, but the market, looking to Ontario for its largest supply, is bound to be a slim one this season.

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The Honey Exchange committee, or, more properly speaking, the Honey Crop committee of the O. B. K. A., met in Toronto on Saturday, August 4th, to consider the reports received from the members of the Association and others, and from these to suggest as nearly as possible fair market prices. While the different districts were well covered by these reports, it was a matter of regret on the part of the committee that the circular sent out by the Secretary was replied to by only about 50 per cent of those to whom it was sent. They would wish to impress upon the members of the Association the necessity and importance of such circulars being attended to carefully, conscientiously and promptly, as it is the desire of the Association, as well as the committee, to make this department a valuable and reliable source of information for the

honey-producers of Ontario. They have taken for granted, however, in this instance that those who have neglected to respond have had nothing to report. From no point can the reports be said to be good, the largest being 60 lbs. to the colony; many reported 35 lbs., 25 lbs., 20 lbs., some 15 and less, and a few nothing. Comb honey is almost a complete failure. The committee would consider that the total crop in the Province will not exceed one-fifth of that of last season.

As regards prices, the fruit crop and other influences had to be taken into consideration. Small fruits have been fairly plentiful, and apples, which probably affect the price and demand for honey more than any other fruit, are going to be a fair crop, but prices are not likely to be extremely low. The population of our cities and towns is increasing rapidly, and villages are filling up. The demand for these foods will naturally increase accordingly. The committee, taking all these factors into consideration, agreed that the following should be a fair arrangement of prices for the wholesale trade: No. 1 extracted, in 60-lb. cans, 10c per lb.; darker grades, 7c to 9c. When honey is sold direct to the wholesale grocer, in packages suitable to their trade, a difference of 1c per lb. extra should be made. First-class comb, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per dozen; second grade, \$1.50 to \$2.00; darker, \$1.25 to \$1.50. The retail price should not be less than 12½c per lb. for first-class extracted, retail prices of other grades to be regulated accordingly.

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Inspector McEvoy called at the office of the "C. B. J." on one of his official rounds, just as we were preparing for press. He says that there is a lot of dead brood in the hives this season more than usual, and he is flooded with samples and inquiries regarding it, not only from Canadian bee-keepers, but

from those in the U. S. He says that in the West it is merely stated by shortage of other conditions.

In the "Bee-keeper," Editor, Mr. J. M. Harrison, a recent correspondent writes of malin fumigation of brood. The treatment has been used with success. Perhaps it will show to the contrary. A new feature in the brood and all. I express the opinion that the mean certain danger whether germ or however, gives where the gas was seven minutes, from three to six. The manner of the following:

"The insertion of a box under that contains the use of two brood frames. With paper instead of formalin saucers made tight and soon as the fumigation is out through the these are hermetically sealed smooth cheese cloth the upper section down, tacking it around. We sin for the tablets to extra box under

A writer in the "Bee-keeper" mentions the danger of the "Bee-keeper" given him (Prof. Harrison) open his eyes to the Ontario men so important a writer from the Old Colony. We dislike to quarrel with our friends and occurs to us that