

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Honey Quotations and Other Matters.

I AM very much pleased to learn that it has been decided to have a representative at the World's Fair for six months or more,—one who will look to the bee-keeping interests. I was at one time afraid it would be otherwise, as one high in authority in these matters stated that if it were not for the granulation of honey it would not be necessary to have any one in charge of the honey exhibit at all. I am not afraid or ashamed to own that I tried for the position, which has been awarded to Mr. Pringle. I could have had some one else to press my case, and did have many others, according to the statements of Mr. Awrey. I did not seek the position from any pleasure I expected to derive from attending the World's Fair. I sought it because no one is more interested in getting a good market for Canadian honey than I am, and I intended to do my very best in that direction. To attend an exhibition for three weeks becomes intensely tiresome; how would it be for months with wife and family hundreds of miles away. Then the change cannot be expected to be a healthy one. I expect to see the World's Fair anyway. I understand many others sought for the position. Few, if any, could have been there six months; so let us rejoice that a good representative will be there for so long.

I believe the demand for honey could be increased were we to keep it before the public eye more. One way in which it could be done would be to have it before the eye of the public in market quotations. All the numerous daily, weekly and monthly papers, which quote other products, might surely be induced to quote honey. Can we not take some steps in this direction at the coming meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association?

I am quite pleased at the criticism of W. F. Clarke, and pleased that in both the *Montreal Witness* and CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL the readers have the article from which I quoted at hand, and they can now set themselves right.

"GIVE CREDIT."

Occasionally our Bee Journals and other periodicals rap one another over the knuckles for not giving "due credit." Some of the Bee Journals have gone so far as to credit one another for articles quoted. It will now be in order to give the writers of the articles due credit. We have a right to be considered, have we not? I notice Bro. Hutchinson neglects our rights occasionally. We, as writers, are not thin-skinned; but give us "due credit" as well as the Journals.

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Cleaning up Honey Comb.

DAWK was the night; cold blew the winds, and the rain came pouring down. Mer-thinks I hear the merry bee within her winter cell.

Cold and bleak November, you are here,—the successor of lovely October, who wore the golden coat. The month of November might be termed the end of the season for the apiarist in this locality, and the beginning of the season as well; for in this month we usually remove the bees from their summer stands and put them in their winter quarters, and that about completes the work of November. As the various methods of wintering have been discussed, *pro* and *con*, in late issues of the C.B.J. (and I am sure to the great benefit of many), it is useless for me, a greenhorn, to make any remark, as I think all the best methods (so far as we know) have been told, and that in very plain language, by men who do not hide their knowledge behind the iron door, and then put the key in their pockets and walk away. The way that funny fellow across the line does to get his combs that have been extracted cleaned up! Take your candle from under the half bushel, friend Gates, and give the boys some light. I found the hat in your remarks in the C.B.J. of Oct. 15, page 218, and it appears to fit me well with regard to getting the combs cleaned up. But then, perhaps, this funny fellow had partaken too freely of the good things prepared for the ministers, when he wrote that funny letter, and got an attack of billiousness as the result, and thought he was nowhere unless he tried to sit down on some one. Perhaps I am wrong in what I say. If so, I am prepared to apologize. But I want Mr. Gates to remove that half bushel, and give us light in the matter of having the combs cleaned up after finishing extracting, as this matter may be of benefit to more than myself.

I must say, sir, that the columns of your JOURNAL are getting nearer to perfection at every issue, and long may it live; and you, also, to teach me, and others like me, how to manage the apiary, not only in winter, but in summer, too. I intend to winter one dozen colonies on their summer stands this winter, for the first time. I mean to pack them in outside cases, used in spring after setting them out of the cellar. If I am spared to be able to write, I will give the result next spring.

Hoping we will all meet and have a jolly good time at Walkerton at our annual meeting.

Yours truly,

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Chard, November 1st, 1892.