

the great Fair in Ottawa for the last two years—1906 and 1907.

During the year 1906 I was overpowered with work on my farm at Chard, and could not possibly spare the time. During the past season (1907) I was not my own boss, having been in the employ of the County Council of the united counties of Prescott and Russell as Superintendent of the House of Refuge, and industrial farm at L'Orignal.

As I never had the pleasure of many holidays, I always looked forward to the Ottawa Fair as my chief holiday, and always took a deep interest in it, and would study from year to year how to prepare a creditable exhibit of honey, etc., for the Fair. And then to meet the keenest competition from rival exhibitors in the most friendly manner. I have exhibited in Toronto and many other places. But I can assure you that the most kindly and harmonious feelings always existed among exhibitors of honey at Ottawa, which I found sometimes absent in Toronto and other places. While every inch of ground was contested, yet harmony and good will was always the first consideration.

I was often sorry that friend "Apis" left a vacant chair there like myself. But the sad loss of a dear child (as it is my case this time) and the pressure of other work prevented him from the pleasure of setting up his old-time beautiful show of honey. If memory serves me right, he was my first competitor in that department at Ottawa.

Mr. and Miss McLaughlin of Cumberland deserve great credit

for their splendid display of honey in September last. I hope Mr. Fraser will continue to be an exhibitor also, as there is something ennobling in a honey exhibit, something that requires not only the finest product of the apiary, but skill, taste, intelligence, and a keen and critical eye, and also the disposition to accept a third prize if the judge thinks you don't deserve any better, and to endeavour to please everybody, even if some fellow has not got just as much knowledge of the little busy bee as you think he ought to have. Long live the C.B.J.!

MR. GEO. E. JOHNSTON, of Bracebridge, Ont., in renewing his subscription for 1908, says, "I might say I have found the last three issues of the C.B.J. a decided improvement. Before that time the reading matter in the journal was not worth one quarter of the price asked. Therefore I am very glad to send my fee as subscriber to your journal, and wish you decided success. I shall be glad to write you later with news on bee-keeping.

[Thanks, friend Johnston; will be glad to hear from you at any time.—ED.]

MR. CALVIN BOYD, Petrolia, Ont., writes under date of Jan. 13, renewing his subscription for two years, and says, "I am pleased to congratulate you on the decided improvement in the quality and general make-up of the C.B.J."

[Thanks, friend Boyd. We wish there was one thousand like you in Ontario. We could then make the C.B.J. a "hummer."—ED.]

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