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#### The Industrial Exhibit.

AT TORONTO MUCH AHEAD OF LAST YEAR.

**A**BOUT as good a thermometer as one needs to ascertain the state of the honey-trade, and its extent may be found at the Toronto fair. If the season is poor, the show will be correspondingly small, and the number of bee-keepers who visit the fair will be in the same proportion. This year, the bee-keepers thermometer stood well up in the sixties,—i. e. the show and crowd were very good, and represented a fair average year.

There were not very many exhibitors but those who did show made up for this deficiency in the extent and grandeur of their displays, chief amongst these was that of

R. McKnight, Owen Sound, who showed for the second time this year, and who succeeded in carrying off for the second time the Ontario Bee-keepers Association prize for the "most tasty attractive and neatly arranged exhibit of honey in the apiarian department," all of which honey should be the production of the exhibitor. Mr. McKnight has an eye to architectural beauty and originality, and he can always make a show that will rivet the gaze of an admiring public. None of the exhibits as were made are on the same large scale as have been made in former years, but for design and finish they overreach them considerably. The first prize for granulated honey, for the largest display

of liquid extracted, for the best sample of linden, and for the best section of super for top story were awarded him. He also took the silver medal for the best display of apiarian supplies. Mr. McKnight imports largely of glass for putting up his honey, both from England and France and in these he had a grand display.

Jacob Alpaugh, St. Thomas, had the largest exhibit of comb honey and a finer lot it has never been the privilege of visitors to the Industrial to behold. Needless to say he captured the first premium. He also succeeded in taking firsts for best super of clover honey, for beeswax, etc. and second for the best super for top-storing. Mr. Alpaugh had in use a large number of shipping boxes which he described a short time ago as used by him in shipping comb honey and which seem to answer the purpose splendidly. He never has any honey damaged by being broken down in transit.

R. H. Smith, Bracebridge, had a nice exhibit, very tastily arranged against a background of specimens of honey producing plants nicely mounted, and with his good wife to assist him he did a thriving business. Muskoka came well to the front again and the opinion we have always expressed has only been the more strongly confirmed, viz., that Muskoka is a splendid honey district.

The only other one whose face was familiar as an old exhibitor, was Wm. Goodger, of Woodstock, and by the way