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The past season being unfavorable for bee-keepers, and for other reasons we did not expect a very large attendance at St. Joseph, Mo., but the attendance was very fair. The meeting was harmonious and yet there was freedom of thought and expression making the sessions interesting. If we may be allowed to stretch matters a little we would say some inclined to almost all discussion and question drawer, others favored long and valuable papers, some wanted solid business without a smile, others favored a great deal of fun, and between the varied ideas there was a pretty generous giving in all around and everyone made the best of it. Amongst the old acquaintances there was Doctor C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ills.; Emerson T. Abbott, St. Joseph, Mo.; C. P. Dadant, Hamilton, Ills., A. I. Root, Medina, Ohio, Editor Gleanings in Bee Culture; G. W. York, 56 5th Avenue. Chicago, Ills., Editor American Bee Journal; W. Z. Hutchinson, Editor Bee-keepers' Review, Flint, Mich.; J. T. Calvert, Medina, Ohio; J. VanDeusen, Sprout Brook, N. Y.; E. Whitcomb, Friend, Nebraska. Amongst the many new acquaintances we made that of L. D. Stilson, Editor Nebraska Bee-Keeper, York, Neb., and R. B. Leahy, Editor Progressive Bee-Keeper, Higginsville, Mo. President Abbott did his utmost to make matters pleasant for the delegates at the Commercial Club Rooms.

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No one can attend Fairs and Exhibitions from year to year and fail to recognize the importance of clearer prize

Judging at lists and better methods in Fairs. judging. We do not desire to single out Toronto by any means as lacking in management. in fact Toronto is probably better than any other Exhibition, but let us take the list at the first section. Best display of 100 lbs. of extracted granulated honey in glass. Here only display is mentioned and one year the judges would rule they had no right to even examine the honey, the next lot of judges tested the honey as to quality. Now on the one hand it appears to be obvious that the quality should be an important point, on the other hand quality is never mentioned and therefore it cannot be considered unless the judges create a new prize list which no judge has a right to do.

Then comes section two "Best display of 500 lbs. of liquid extracted honey, of which not less than 250 lbs, must be in glass, quality to be considered." Here again judges from year to year and even the judges appointed the same year rule vastly differently. Some claim display should count most, others quality. Again take the honey itself, no score card has been recognized in comb and extracted honey. The following is a score card on cheese:

SCORE CARD FOR CHEESE.

Cheese will be judged on the following points, the figures set opposite indicating the maximum per cent., the total of all such maximums being 100.

Flavor	45
Quality and Texture.....	30
Color	15
Finish.....	10

Total..... 100

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No.....

Flavor.....
Quality and Texture.....	..
Color.....
Finish.....

Total.....

The judges have to fill out these cards all over the country and the dairy-men