

heater or furnace going and are thinking about the coal bills and winter clothing, the Jamaica people know nothing of such things, frost and snow being unknown. It is very rare to see a house with a chimney.

There are not many bees kept in this locality, and although it is always summer, bee-keepers seem to have their difficulties, only in a different way from the bee-keepers of the North. Moths, ants and seasons when no honey is coming in seem to give the most trouble. Transport, too, is more expensive, owing to the nature of the country. Enclosed find spray of the famous log-wood bloom, just opening.

I missed the batch of questions for The Journal this month, but if you send them along I will attend to them.

With best wishes to all friends, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

R. H. SMITH.

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The Central Canada Exhibition.

Editor Canadian Bee Journal.

Dear Sir,—It was with pleasure I read the glowing report of the honey exhibit at the Central Canada exhibition, by "A.P.I.S."—he should have added D.O.R.S.A.T.A., if I mistake not his identity. He was for some years also master of the situation there, hence, perhaps the insinuations of exhibiting honey other than the product of the exhibitor's own apiary. Another sin of which he accuses the honey exhibitors is that of wrongly naming the honey, thereby giving a whack at the judge. Well, sir, he might have gone further, as it is very easy finding fault. I am sure that all those who set up exhibits there are pleased to have friend "A. P. I. S." give them a write-up, only I fear he has forgotten or overlooked the fact that there were at least four exhibitors, viz.: W. J. Brown, D. McLaughlin, R. McLaughlin and A. A. Ferrier. Would suggest that

he take a look over the entries in the secretary's office next time. Things have changed considerably from what they were in the good old days when "A.P.I.S." and another had all their own way. I may add here that while we all need money to carry on our affairs, it is not the greed of filthy lucre that prompts the exhibitors in the honey department at the C. C. Fair to be there, but for the pleasure of meeting old friends and forming new acquaintances, and to assist those public-spirited gentlemen, the management of that great Fair, who spare no pains to provide for the accommodation of everybody. Too bad the Ontario Bee-keepers' association refused to grant that petty sum of \$10 to the Ottawa Fair. And now sir, as to the present honey exhibitors, A.P.I.S. is perfectly right, the best of friendship has always existed among them, always endeavoring to be social with each other, and helping each other in every way possible, at the same time aiming in friendly rivalry for the first place, taking defeat with just as good grace as victory, leaving the decision to the judge, as it is the unwritten law that he knows his own business, and would not thank any exhibitor or outsider for pointing out to him what he should detect and rule out.

Hoping I have not infringed too much on your valuable space, I remain

Yours truly,

W. J. BROWN.

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Cakes of sugar which can be laid on the frames are much to be recommended for winter feeding. Placed under the coverings, it will absorb some of the winter moisture of the hive. The bees eat the sugar more eagerly than the honey, which they require for the nourishment of the young brood. The bee-keeper can easily feel with his hand if the cake is still there, or if another is wanted.—Praktischer Wegweiser.