

an officer of the Society wrote to the effect that he did not liquify his honey because it would have to be liquified again or heated to bottle up, etc. Just as though I, being in possession of all the circumstances, would not know best whether to liquify or not. The honey sent liquified *cannot* be re-liquified here; nor does it require it; nor can it be heated before bottling. It must be bottled just as it is, though the work of bottling thick, cold honey is much greater.

Only a few, however, among all the exhibitors failed to comply with the instructions in this regard; and what was the consequence of their failure? The consequence was that for these few all the expense in procuring a vat and paying for steam facilities and storage had to be incurred, besides detaining me several days longer in Toronto than otherwise would have been necessary. This is May 5th, and I have not yet been able to commence the installation of the Ontario exhibit, notwithstanding that I have been energetically pushing the work along every day, Sunday and Monday, since I came here. Had I been a week earlier I should doubtless have been that much further advanced towards completion. You have no idea of the difficulties which exhibitors have to encounter in getting their goods into Jackson Park and into the buildings where they are to be shown. Especially is this true of foreign exhibitors who are harassed, handicapped, and delayed by an interminable round of customs official red-tapeism in a manner well nigh intolerable. And then, when there are hundreds and hundreds of car loads of exhibits from all over the world stretching out for miles on the tracks beyond the limits of Jackson Park, among which one might spend two or three days in merely finding his car, he must take his turn in getting his car in and unloaded. I am not sure but my car would have been outside yet had I not followed the car and the officials up daily, finally convincing them that it contained "perishable goods" and *must* be brought in or the consequences would be serious. It was

consequently brought in and unloaded about two weeks ago. Then the stuff had to run the gauntlet of the confounded customs, not merely Mr. Awrey's and my own personal effects, but every box and parcel of exhibits, all of which had to be opened, emptied, and overhauled, and invoiced and re-invoiced, and I don't know how many other performances.

Meanwhile I was hurrying on the work on the honey case as fast as possible. But when it is considered that every few days there would be a "strike" among the carpenters, and when they did work they would throw down their tools promptly at half-past four and quit for the day, and the great difficulty of getting the enormous supply of material into Jackson Park needed for building, etc., it will be easy to see that the work would not progress at a very rapid rate.

The honey case I am to use for the Ontario exhibit is actually not finished yet. While the carpenter work was completed to day, the glazing is all to do yet. I have been helping myself and hurrying them on, and went out a few days ago and bought \$10 worth of lumber myself, as they said they couldn't get lumber in. But "misery loves company," and if that is any consolation, I have plenty of it. Some of the honey exhibits are not yet unloaded from the cars, and many of the other departments are more backward than ours. It will be about the first of June before the exhibits are all installed and the various departments finished.

The honey and other articles, so far as I know, with three or four exceptions, arrived in Toronto in good order, and have not been damaged since, as I personally superintended all the handling in Toronto and here, compelling workmen to handle carefully. These few exceptions, all but one, were the fault of the senders themselves, as they were improperly put up for shipment. I was greatly astonished to find several lots of extracted honey in old rusty tins not fit to send two miles off to the nearest grocery. The idea of an apiarist sending his honey hundreds of miles, and