

by this means been enabled to bring purchaser and consumer together.

"We are, of course, unable to give more than a rough idea as to the amount of honey disposed of by our members in this way, as by far the larger quantity is sold without any reference to us at all. I can say that last season we were unable to fill all our orders, as stocks had run out and I believe that fair prices were realised.

"As regards the cost of our scheme, it is practically nil, because the profit made on the labels covers any expense incurred.

"And now a word to our worthy parent Association. As the bee-keeping industry develops, as it is bound to do, by means of the work now being done by Bee-keepers' Associations under the auspices of our County Councils, and means are being taken to encourage it among the rural working classes, we want the B.B.K.A. to step in and, by some well-considered measure to help its affiliated Associations to dispose of members' surplus honey in London and other large centres; and I look forward to the time when British bee-keepers will be able to supply all that their countrymen require without having to go to the foreigner. This is a practical object which it is quite possible to attain, and at little or no expense may be made the means of adding one more bond of union between parent and children.

"Not the least important feature of this plan is that we are utilising existing markets, and by inducing the tradesman to place upon his shelves, which have in the past been occupied by honey of foreign production. British honey, we shall assist considerably in removing a hitherto serious difficulty to the British bee-keeper. To do this we must offer him every inducement we can, and it is remarkable in these advertising days what a tradesman will do for advertisement. We find it a useful inducement to advertise a list of agents in all our publications, and the agents themselves appreciate this very much as showing where the honey may be obtained.

"I have now laid before you, as clearly as I can, a simple plan for helping bee-keepers—a plan within the means of every county Association; and, in the interests of bee-keepers and Bee-keepers' Associations I hope it may be the means of helping them to surmount this obstacle to their progress."

[The above is an extract of a paper read before the Berks Bee Keepers Association, and published in the British Bee Journal. While it could not be carried out in full there are valuable points in it worthy of our consideration, and we do not hesitate, to say our Associations could do more to increase the demand for honey.—Ed.]

The Columbian Exhibition.

ONTARIO HONEY.

The great Columbian Exhibition has come and gone, the products of the fields, the forests and the factories were placed there side by side in honorable competition. The honey industry was fairly well represented. The exhibits of ten States of the Union and the one province of Ontario were grouped together, and their relative merits have been put upon record, their quality having been tested and pronounced upon, by an able and upright American Bee-keeper. What does that record show? It shows that the combined states of the Union showing at least ten times as much honey as Ontario exhibited; took 28 prizes, and Ontario took 14. By states the result is as follows:—New York state 7 prizes, Ohio 4, Michigan 4, Illinois 1, Nebraska 1, Iowa 5, California 1, Wisconsin 1, Indiana 1, Minnesota 1, ONTARIO 14. It ought to be borne in mind that some of those states had three times the quantity of honey Ontario showed, New York was one of these and New York took but half the prizes Ontario took and over three times as many as any other state.

Will Dr. Mason now admit what we aforesaid affirmed and what he denied, that "in color, flavor, and high specific gravity, Ontario honey beats the world," our contention has been established in competition with the best product of his own land, and under his own nose.

R. McKNIGHT.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 1893.

Perth County' Bee-keepers Association,

The Perth county Bee-keepers' Association met at Stratford Dec. 28th, 1893. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., F. A. Gemmell, Stratford; Vice Pres., Robert Murray, Avonton; Secy-Treas., John Myers, Stratford; Messrs. Robert Myers and Robert Murray were elected delegates.

It was moved by Wm Walden, seconded by R. Chalmers, that members of the Association receive the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL for the coming year.

Mr. Walden stated he felt that the Journal in the present hands gave promise of being one of the best journals in America. He spoke in the kindest manner of its present editor. The resolution was carried without a dissenting voice. A motion was carried to the effect that the directors be asked to rescind the clause requiring the secretary to receive the names of those having foul brood. St Mary's is the next place of meeting.