

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

In Favor of a Good Exhibit at the World's Fair.

DEAR SIR, I quite agree with Mr. Corneil in your last issue of August 15th, that it is important that a good exhibit be made at the opening of the World's Fair, and I cannot see much difficulty if the different exhibitors will set aside from this year's crop the quantities required by the entries. The small quantities which each exhibitor is allowed to send gives almost every bee-keeper a chance to be represented,

It is not expected that every one can send all the varieties mentioned in the list; but there are few who cannot send one or two good samples. When we consider that the bee-keeper is at no expense whatever for carriage or caretaking, it is a very liberal offer.

To make a proper exhibit of extracted honey, part of it should be liquid and part granulated; and, to keep the liquid part in an attractive condition, it should be renewed or liquified from time to time. If there are any bees shown they will require attention.

In my answer to Mr. Awrey's first letter, I pointed out to him that if he could assure intending exhibitors that a practical man would be engaged to set up and care for the honey exhibit, it would be a great inducement to many who would not otherwise send exhibits to be set up by some person probably not informed upon the nature of honey. In his reply he has promised to provide a man to take care of the exhibit while in Chicago.

Yours, etc.,

R. H. SMITH.

Bracebridge, Aug. 22nd, 1892.

Report of Bee-Keepers.

MR. SAMUEL H. BOLTON, of Deweyville, Ohio, writes us:—"We have had a good honey flow, but it is nearly all over, except the buckwheat. Hives are all full and I have extracted this year some of the best honey I have ever had."

MR. JAMES ELLIOTT, of Wilton Grove, writes us:—"I am pleased to say the JOURNAL has been of much value to me, and I would not like to be without it. I send you a list herewith of parties interested in bees; do not know whether they will become subscribers or not, but feel certain they would profit by doing so."

MR. JOHN CAMERON, of Cherry Creek, writes us:—"Your JOURNAL is well worth paying for. I like it splendidly. Bees in this locality during the past winter did not do very well, a great

many having died. We had ten, fall count, and seven, spring count. They are doing much better this summer. We ship our surplus honey to Manitoba. I wish you every success."

MR. GEORGE BROWN, of Livingston, Oregon, writes us as follows:—"This is no place for bees; we have no rain or any dew fall, and it gives them all they can do to gather a sufficient stock of honey for their own use. It seems impossible even to raise bees here. We have tried them, but with scant success."

MR. R. J. TAYLOR, of Brantford, sends us the following report:—"I started in the spring with eight hives, which have increased to fourteen, and have secured 700 pounds of extracted honey."

MR. CARL KEIM, of Buffalo, writes us:—"It is rather early in the season to say anything definite. I may however say the honey crop is excellent from white clover. Bees are in good shape. Will give a fuller report later on."

F. G. ABBOTT writes us:—"In the fall of '91 I put away twenty-four hives in my beehouse, and twenty-two came out in good shape in the spring. It was a very hard and trying spring on bees, from cold and wet weather. They gathered scarcely enough honey to keep them till the middle of June, when the weather got fine, and they succeeded in gathering a quantity of clover honey which far exceeded my expectation. The basswood yield was very good. I extracted 2600 lbs. and increased fifteen swarms."

MR. A. MURPHY, of Bluevale, writes us:—"My bees have done fairly well this season. Last season was a very poor one with me; my bees hardly kept themselves in honey, and a very heavy loss was the result. Some bee-keepers in this neighborhood lost all; others had a few colonies left. I started with four colonies last spring, have now eleven, and have taken two hundred and eighty lbs of honey from them. I have read the BEE JOURNAL for some time and am greatly pleased with its contents. I think it is improving very rapidly."

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Chaff Hives.

KINDLY answer the following questions:—
I am making chaff hives; does it matter whether the frames run crossways or lengthways? Kindly give me your opinion which is the best; also how to double up at this