

Muir Co. have not commenced making them, perhaps Mr. Editor you might hint to them what a great things they are for the bee-keeper. It would not be necessary to call it a "German wax-press" they might make some little change in the position of the safety valve or the governor and call it the "The Electric Age" "Comb Annihilator" but the name is immaterial, what we want is a machine guaranteed to melt 2000 combs per day, or to even "Beat the Dutch."

Yours truly,

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P.S.—On further consideration I don't think many of the machines would be required if the O. B. K. A. would purchase and employ a competent man to attend to it one might be sufficient for this province and also prove to be a profitable investment. The operator to hold the position for life or during good behaviour.

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### Dominion Exhibition

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—There will be a Dominion Exhibition in Winnipeg next July or August and the government will, following the precedent in Toronto last season, contribute \$50,000 towards making the venture a complete success. One object of the big exhibition will be to bring the farmers of western Canada and the manufacturers of eastern Canada into closer touch. In the second place, it will doubtless attract the notice of many Americans, and prove of assistance in drawing settlers to our vacant lands.

## Thoughts and ....Comments

ON CURRENT TOPICS

By a York County Bee Keeper.

### SELLING SECTIONS BY THE POUND OR PIECE.

Dr. Miller in a "Straw" in a recent issue of "Gleanings," says that Toronto seems to be falling in line with Colorado quoting sections by the piece instead of weight. Methinks the doctor has the matter inverted, for if I mistake not, Ontario dealers were the first to show preference for the system now in vogue.

Probably the doctor is unaware that sections are nearly if not always (on this side of the line) sold at so much per dozen, nothing being said as to weight. Of course it is understood that a proper system of grading has been followed. While such can be said, pro and con, both systems, yet for the same reason that eggs are sold by the dozen, instead of by the pound: honey will likely continue to be sold in the same way.

### WHEN TO HAVE COLONIES STRONG.

In the same issue comment is made on Doolittle's oft repeated axiom "of knowing one's honey resourced, and then having one's colonies strong only at the time when that strength is needed." Dr. Miller says, "I never felt that I was smart enough, with conditions in my locality to put in practice profitably the last part of the rule." He further states "the rule with me must be, colonies always strong." No doubt many Ontario bee-keepers will agree with the doctor in his decision.

### ANOTHER METHOD OF USING FORMALDEHYDE.

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