

others have done in the past, that they may arrive at some conclusion as to his ability to write on such a subject. Surely no one would be guilty of endeavoring to pose as an authority without some experience of such a plague, and this being the case, I cannot see that too much is being asked of him by such a request.

A good example for this resident of Toronto to follow in this matter, is that of Mr. Corneil, of Lindsay, who has given us the very latest information regarding this scourge, so far as treating it with antiseptics, (see C. B. J., April 15th), yet this gentleman is not seeking any remuneration except the thanks of his fellow bee-keepers, which he is certainly receiving.

In conclusion, I will say I think selfish motives alone is the stimulant urging Mr. Hall, of Toronto, in writing as he has done, for, if I mistake not, he is the same person who sought an interview with Hon. J. Dryden, the esteemed Minister of Agriculture, some time in the beginning of March last, and condemned the Act in not very befitting language, and who, when questioned for his reason why the Act should be suppressed, could only give as an excuse, he did not want the Inspector or any one else prowling around his apiary in his absence, finding out valuable secrets pertaining to bee culture. Secrets forsooth! It would be of interest to know of what nature they are, as possibly of sufficient importance to warrant a visit from the Government Inspector, Mr. William McEvoy.

It would, indeed, be a difficult matter to find in any country, all things considered, a better law than the present one now on the statute books.

Even our American friends, who, by the way, are as far seeing as any one, have thought so much of it as in some instances to have copied nearly every clause therein, so that should the expulsion of one man from Ontario become really necessary in his own mind, he would have a hard time finding a more congenial clime.

F. A. GEMMILL.

Stratford, May 10th. 1892.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Mr. Cornell's Experience with Beta-Naphthol.

IN my article in the C.B.J. of the 15th ult., I said that the beta-naphthol should be added to hot syrup, but I fear I did not sufficiently emphasize the fact that the syrup should be *hot*. If a solution of beta-naphthol be added to cold syrup, re-crystallization takes place, and the crystals fall to the bottom of the vessel; but when added to hot syrup—say while the syrup

is still over the fire and thoroughly mixed—it remains in solution when the syrup cools. I have through mistake, fed double the prescribed dose. I only know the bees took it freely, and it did not kill them. Before this season is over I expect we shall know, as the result of our own experiments, the effects of beta-naphthol on the bacillus of foul brood. S. CORNEIL.

Lindsay, 12th May, 1892.

Letter From Binghampton, N. Y

IN a letter from Friend C. W. Phelps, Binghampton, N. Y. he makes the following remarks, :

"Friend Jones, we have known you for a good many years, and am sorry to hear you are not feeling friendly towards your old friends on this side. Please remember, "Oil is better for a wig than vinegar." (an old proverb)."

Why, bless my soul, you never made a bigger mistake in your life than when you said, I am not friendly towards my brother bee-keepers in the United States I am the first life member of the N. A. B. A., or (N. A. A. as Bro. Miller suggests) and you folks cannot make any fuss big enough to keep me from attending your conventions, whenever I can. The good feeling that exists between the bee-keepers of Canada and the United States cannot be broken by a half dozen "Incorporations." Next fall when we all meet at Washington and get to shaking hands and talking over bee matters, we will never imagine their was such a thing as "Incorporation" or anything else that would tend to sever our friendship. We think there has been plenty said about the "Incorporation" business, and we will have more room for bee matter in future. Have you not heard that "lover's quarrels only tend to make them better friends afterwards."

Pinch Her Head Off.

WILL you kindly answer through the columns of the C. B. J. the cause of a queen laying drone eggs only, the same being hatched and the cells drawn out further than the rest of the comb, she is a fine looking queen what would be best to do with her?

Yours truly,

Wm. C. COURT.

Your queen is what is termed a drone layer, having been hatched when there was no drones to mate. We have a similar one ourselves and are replacing her for a good one. Pinch her head off and put another in her place.