

pleased at the proposed changes. We believe that they will meet with the approval of the entire list of our subscribers.

EDITORIAL

EL. PRATT says of "A Hallamshire Bee-keeper," that he "is an Englishman, but his writings savor of the Yankee brevity and terseness.

Geo. W. Stephens, Denison, Iowa, claims to be co-equal with Henry Alley in inventing an automatic hiver. Our foreman used a similar arrangement in 1887, made of perforated metal, but did not have an opportunity of carrying his experiments far enough, to warrant us in putting the matter before readers of the C. B. J.

We had the pleasure of a short visit with Mr. R. McKnight, Owen Sound, last week. His bees are apparently in good shape, though he had made no examination, other than to see the temperature was right, which he does by drawing the thermometer up through a hole in the ceiling of the repository.

The vote for the election of officers of the National Beekeepers Union, closed on Jan. 31st, with the result that all the retiring officers were re-elected by an overwhelming majority. The officers are therefore: James Hedden, President; G. M. Doolittle, vice-Pres.; Thos. G. Newman, Secretary and general manager. The union is only 300 strong—or one in every thousand of the total bee-keepers throughout the United States. This can hardly be said to be creditable to the great majority.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Killing Bees for Profit.

DR. MILLER THINKS MR. WOOD IS ALL RIGHT.

DOW, you've gone and done it! On page 1017, C. B. J., you remind Geo. Wood that the bee "is not an animal." Isn't it just as much an animal as a worm or an oyster? Whether you have had any late legislation on the subject in Canada I don't know,

but according to the laws of Illinois, and Webster's dictionary a bee is an insect and all insects are animals.

Now, as to Mr. Wood's position if he can make more money by killing off his bees than by keeping them, then he is right to kill them. That's the whole thing in a nut shell. Don't you kill off any other domestic animal when you can make more by it. Oh! yes, but money is derived from the sale of the carcasses. How about cats and dogs? I never expect to kill off bees and it hurts me every time I accidentally kill a worker; (don't you ever kill drones or queens?) but I suspect Mr. Wood has the best of the argument.

Now, I wouldn't have pitched into you if you hadn't printed what Rev. W. F. Clarke said about my being the "priority of location" man. "Priority of location" never belonged to me and Rev. W. F. knows it; if he will only stop to think it belongs to Hedden and others. I don't believe in anything different for bee keepers from what I do for farmers—that each man by some honest means obtain possession of the territory he needs for his bees, without the fear that some one may sit down beside him and spoil all his prospects, without his having any kind of redress. Some day Bro. Clarke will dis-hibernate himself enough to know that my view is all right.

Marengo, Ill.

C. C. MILLER.

Did we not acknowledge the force of Mr. Wood's arguments; but yet there are often such cases arise, where, even though a person is justified legally and morally in taking a certain position, when it is better to try almost every other means to get over the difficulty than to resort to extreme measures. We don't want to ride the "hobby horse" of philanthropy unnecessarily, but we do want to get over the matter of killing bees, if possible. We are glad the Doctor has "pitched into" us, as he terms it, and if that is all that is needed to get him to write, why, we shall continue. As for this "priority of location" business, Rev. W. F. Clarke is able to take care of himself and we shall allow him to do so.

Now is the time for sellers and those having bee fixtures to get out of to advertise, and no better medium could be selected than the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.