

did not care to send for anymore, and yet, I fear, that had the two cents duty been removed he might have been induced to continue to buy the dirty honey

There is one other important point in connection with this subject, and it is this: It does not follow that because the 2c per lb duty is removed that West Indian honey will be sold at 2c per lb less: in fact, in my judgment, it is almost certain that it will not make more than a cent a pound difference in price as compared with the present for this reason. The West Indian shippers know well that the 2c per lb. duty, if removed will go into the Canadian buyer's or the West Indian seller's pocket, and you may rest assured that the Canadian will have to be smart if he gets more than the 1 cent per lb., except in a very few rare cases. I have been on the ground, and know that the Jamaica sellers are trying hard to get a better price, and we may rest assured that they will hardly let an opportunity of this kind pass without getting their share of the profit. In conclusion, however, I feel that we Canadian bee-keepers cannot afford to lose even 1 cent per lb., as we already have enough mountains of difficulty to surmount. So if it rests with us let us do all we can to protect our own interests and the comfort of our firesides.

A. LAING,

Hamilton, Ont.

### THE MAN WHO'S AFRAID.

I've paid close heed to the ways of men

I've observed what the world calls luck,

I have silently marveled, now and then,

At the potent power of pluck;

And this as a bit of truth I hail,

A sentence that's worth one's heed:

The man who is always afraid he'll fail

Doesn't stand much show to succeed!

—Foy Farrell Greene in "Success."

### BRANT COUNTY BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

Brant County Bee-Keepers' Association met in the Court House, Brantford, on Saturday afternoon, October 28. There was a good attendance of members and others, and a very interesting meeting throughout. Mr. Wm. McEvoy, Inspector of Apiaries, was present, and added much to the value of the meeting.

Among the topics discussed were: "The best methods for keeping record of colonies?" "Is it better to winter outside than in the cellar where temperature and ventilation cannot be properly regulated?" "Could hives weighing 45 lbs. at this time be safely wintered without feeding?" "In preparing for winter is it advisable to contract the hive so that the bees can cover the combs and stores?" "Are the prices for honey suggested by the O.B.K.A. Honey Committee satisfactory for this district?" "How may local associations be made more useful to the bee-keeping industry?"

Mr. Wm. Grieve described his system of keeping a book record of each hive. Mr. McEvoy told of a bulletin board, which he uses for the same purpose. Mr. Edmondson conducts a system indicating the condition of each hive by the position of blocks or bricks placed on the top.

Re wintering in a poor cellar, it was the unanimous opinion that it is much better to winter outside rather than in a poor cellar, plenty of good wholesome stores was advocated, whether for inside or outside wintering. Mr. McEvoy and Mr. Shaver use queen excluders on top of the hives in winter to allow a bee space above the frames, and enable the bees to pass over top bars, both of these gentlemen spoke highly of the advantage of placing a full comb of honey flat on the top of the queen excluder to stimulate brood-rearing in the early spring.