

could not have laid out that fighting doctor in better shape for a first class funeral.

I am proud of my countryman. When I give my opinion that there is not so much as a "grease spot" left of the great American Esculapius, "the great" etc, must not take it amiss, or think me an enemy—that is if his thinker is still in life.

Though I have never seen the doctor still I rather like him. I also like a good, fair, friendly fight, and this explains it. Let no timid reader imagine that a quarrel is up. This reconter between the Yankee and the Canuck is a good-natured measuring of swords—pens—and "the pen is mightier than the sword."

Never say die, doctor, as long as you have a bread pill or a bottle of colored water left in your pharmacopœia.

But what I started out to say in this squib is yet to be said, and is this: I wish to say amen to the following from Friend McKnight: "It is therefore a relief to me, and possibly to others as well, when someone, even though he be an Ishmaelite, squeezes in a fresh subject or a new idea," etc. That is good—very good. I endorse it and emphasize it. Variety is said to be the spice of life, and it is well, as Mr. McKnight says, "to break the monotony and humdrum of our bee-journals once in a while, when something fresh is devoutly to be wished." But the trouble is some old grandmothers will object to this. Many a time, in writing for the C. B. J. have I rejected "new ideas" (good ideas to my mind) which came up naturally in the course of thought. I reject them from my manuscript, not because I think they ought to be neglected, but because they might offend some old fogey who knows something about bees, but knows little of the great world of progress.

I say to McKnight, "here is my hand!" And to the doctor too (what is left of him) "here is my hand!"

ALLEN PRINGLE.

Selby, Ont., April 26, 1889.

In a private letter the Doctor promises to "tickle McKnight's funny bone."

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Atmospheric Electricity and Nectar Secretion.

SEE by the last CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL that you predict a good season. A good many predicted the same last spring, among others Wm. McEvoy, but it failed to arrive.

Now I would like if you would compare the quantity and duration of the honey flow in past

years with the number of thunder storms and the presence in the atmosphere after such storms of that peculiar freshness which scientists attribute to the gas called ozone. Now my observations for the past seven years show that in seasons and localities with which I am acquainted the amount of ozone readily appreciable in the atmosphere and the amount of honey in the flowers have a strange coincidence. I would like if you would look this up at your leisure and if, as I believe, such connection exists it may possibly enable the apiarist to guess more nearly at his probable wants in the supply line.

I got a letter two weeks ago from W. Coleman, Birr, Co. Middlesex, in which he says that his bees were gathering pollen lively.

My bees are in the cellar yet, two dead so far. I do not know how they are off for feed but they will have to take their chance for about a month yet in the cellar.

J. W. WHEALY.

Kintore, Ont., April 5th.

This is a point which we have not noticed, but would be pleased to hear from others.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

REPORT FROM DUFFERIN COUNTY.

**B**EES in this locality so far as I have heard have wintered well and have come through with an abundance of stores.

The winter was very favorable for bees wintered outside. There was scarcely a week from the end of February that bees could not fly, some weeks nearly every day. My own bees have come through well. I placed 48 colonies in bee house, November 16th and set them out April 18th all alive. They were bringing in pollen quite lively two or three hours after they were set out, they were very bright and clean and scarcely soiled the hive covers. They had an abundance of stores and appeared to be none the worse for their 153 days confinement. Since setting them out I have found two queenless ones which leaves me 46 at present. The weather the past week has been wet and cool, at present time (April 30) we are getting squalls of snow, frosts at night and temperature very little above freezing point during the day.

Clover and other plants have started nicely, even in exposed places there has been very little heaving. Prospects for a good flow from dandelion, fruit bloom and clover were never better.

How are the weekly reports coming along; What do others think of it.

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