

and see the vast amount of good that has been wrought in the floral as well as the vegetable kingdom through the labor of the honey bee. This is as God designed it should be, and it is sheer folly for any man to attempt such a vain persecution. We ask every man, woman and child to come to the rescue, and see to it that justice is done in this case of mere persecution, as it surely is nothing less or more, with a few cents of ready means and let this "would-be" fleecer know that others who live on God's foot-stool have at least equal rights with himself. We shall not stand silently and let a fellow bee-keeper suffer such abuse for want of a few dollars to aid and assist in defending the right and to overthrow the wrong. We predict a lively time if this knave persists and goes on with his prosecution. Not one cent for tribute but thousands for defence.

J. M. HICKS.

Battle Ground, Ind.

It seems hardly possible that any intelligent man could have been conscientious in his demand for recompense for injury done his sheep by bees. Such a law suit here in Canada would not be tolerated. We are glad to see our American friends coming to Friend Freeborn's rescue so nobly, and if the plaintiff does not withdraw the suit we shall be quite willing to assist, and many others of our Canadian friends we feel will help also, rather than see the plaintiff succeed. If letters from Prof. Cook, of Agricultural College, Mich., and other professors of similar colleges, presidents of fruit grower's associations, etc., were to write Mr. Powers, the plaintiff explaining the true position of affairs,, it seems to us that if the matter were taken up in that way it might be settled without a law suit. Mr. P. would see the absurdity of his claim, be ashamed of his position and withdraw the suit. When the facts are all before him, if he persists, let no bee-keeper shirk his duty, but come forward with the "needful" and teach him such a lesson as will forever satisfy him, as well as others of like disposition.

If, when ordering goods for many advertiser in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, our friends would mention that they saw the advertisement in the JOURNAL, it will be doing us a kindness.

TABANUSATRATUS FAB.

TO-DAY by mail I send you alive in a cage one more race of bees which I find in my bee yard, but I am afraid it won't gather much honey; it is not exactly a bee, but as I never saw anything like it, I should like to know its name.

F. MEHLENBACHER.

Fisherville, Ont., July 18th, 1885.

We forwarded the specimen to Mr. Brodie, Toronto, and here is his reply:

TABANUSATRATUS Fab.

Order Diptera, Family Tabanidae.

The insect sent is a fine male specimen of the "Black horse-fly" also known as the "Missouri horse-fly." But as it attacks domestic cattle more frequently than horses, these names are inappropriate and misleading, and should give place to the well established name of *Tabanusatratus*. The centre of its geographical range is considerably to the south of Canada. The species made its appearance at Toronto about 1860, and is slowly extending northwards. They make a large and painful wound—even through the hide of an ox—so large that two or three drops of blood will sometimes exude after they have gorged themselves and flown away. Fortunately they are not very common in Ontario, but this and some allied species are some seasons so numerous in the Western States as to cause herds of cattle to stampede. The larvæ feed on partially decayed vegetable matter under ground in moist situations and are quite harmless during larval life.

CHEATING BEES.

MORE TRASH ABOUT ADULTERATED HONEY.

WE have received from George Lister, Callamer, Ohio, the clipping which we copy below. For pure unvarnished imagination it, as the saying is, "takes the cake." The article originated in the Detroit *Free Press*, and was copied by the Cleveland *Evening News & Herald*. We shall send a marked copy of the C. B. J., to the *Free Press* and will ask them to furnish us with the name of the subject upon whom they have operated. Failing to do this we shall adopt Friend Root's plan, in *Gleanings*, and publish the names of all the journals who insert such unwarranted and silly stories, and