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GENERAL.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

That Affiliation Trouble.

DO not wish to fan that breeze that is blowing up and down between Chicago and Owen Sound, and between Medina and Owen Sound. But as a member of that Affiliation Committee, I have just a few words to say. I must repel the insinuation from an American editor that any of the members of the Committee were imposed upon and deceived by the others, and knew not what they were signing. That most unworthy reflection, not only upon the honor, but the intelligence of the members of that Committee, certainly astonished me. If our friends across the lake have no better defence of their conduct in this matter than a charge so contemptible, they had better throw up the sponge, which they have in reality already done. I agree with Mr. McKnight, Chairman of the Committee, in his replies to "Gleanings," the *A.B.J. et al.* I am also of opinion that the great majority of American bee-keepers are quite out of sympathy with the action of a few of their number who engineered the whole business through. They are, therefore, not responsible for such action; nor do we hold them so. I believe they regret the move made by their friends which necessitated the severance no less than we regretted being compelled in honor and self-respect to dissolve the official tie between us. The tie of friendship and good will is, however, I hope not dissolved, or even weakened.

I have to refer to one other aspect of unpleasantness and then I have done; and that is the contrast in what I may call Journalistic Cour-

tesy or amenity between our Journal and the Journals concerned on the other side. The C.B.J. has, I think, given its readers the whole of the controversy on both sides. The A. B. J. and "Gleanings," so far as I know, have not done so. They have given their readers their own side only, with the exception, of course, of the official report of the Committee, which they could not very well suppress. Is this what you call fair, gentlemen editors? Our JOURNAL quoted your defence—all you had to say, and some of it twice. Why did you not reciprocate, and quote Mr. McKnight's replies, and give all to your readers, the same as we did? The fact that you did not choose to do so would seem to bear out the conclusion we have reached, viz: that the bee-keepers generally over there do not agree with your action in this matter.

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FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

The Taking of Comb Honey.

A SUBJECT which I have been anxious to learn about for some time is the production of comb honey to the best advantage; and judging by the article so often produced, there is much that is still to be learned about it by the average bee-keeper. That is, proper production of comb honey is becoming more and more an important one, there is no doubt; for whilst I do not hesitate to say that any one who has produced a first-class article, and taken reasonable steps to sell it, has found a market. We know that the production of extracted honey has exceeded the demand at times, and it has been necessary to create a demand and form