

management we have nothing to withdraw and are prepared at the proper time, to prove the statements made in the matter." Your statements made in the matter have now been contradicted by three of the delegates, those who were in charge of the exhibit, not merely for a couple of weeks, but those who stuck to their posts from their arrival till the last pound was sold and the last shilling collected. Whether you choose to face the music or not the public will be apt to think that "the proper time" has now come for you to prove your statements or take the inevitable consequences.

Yours truly,

S. CORNEIL.

Lindsay, June 20th, 1887.

In reply to Mr. Corneil's communication we would say: That at the last meeting of the directors of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, Mr. Corneil himself at some length dwelt upon the management at the Colonial, and stated that three commissioners had differed from Mr. Pettit, the president, as to the method of sale to be adopted, the former advocated retailing; the latter had suggested selling to dealers only, and added that a good deal could be said in favor of such a policy. In reply, the president stated before the meeting, that Mr. Corneil's statement had in the main been correct with the exception that he—the president—had advocated selling both wholesale and retail. Mr. Corneil accepted this correction before the entire meeting, so much for that. Again, Mr. Corneil does not deny our statement as to the number of days which elapsed after the close of the exhibition before prices were quoted, but writes: "As soon as possible after the exhibition closed, I wrote letters to about thirty dealers." Is the ex-commissioner afraid we may be able to produce evidence of what we have said to thus admit our statement? are the thirty some of those dealers, who insisted on leaving their names or was that the total number who applied for prices during that time? Then to show how completely

this man has become the creature of another, a subject foreign to the one before us is brought in. The C. B. J. is referred to, and let us here say for the benefit of our subscribers who might send in their subscription for back numbers of the paper referred to in hope of finding a market, that the name and address of the dealer referred to is not given by "Amateur Expert." Mr. Jones' supply business is also referred to. We were in a measure compelled in justice to Mr. Corneil to publish a reply from him, he knew this and any unnecessary and foreign reference to a business in competition with our own, a man with a sense of honor would have witheld, this however shows the blind servitude of the writer. There is certainly nothing in the reference to strengthen his position. We are far from denying that the demand for honey has increased but under proper management Canadian Bee-Keepers would have reaped the benefit of it, but at present the prospects are not such. What use is the increased demand if we are not going to take steps to fill it? Only another argument in favor of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association undertaking the work and a promise of the success of such an undertaking.

Then Mr. Corneil makes a clever fence *as he thinks* to find out just how far we have peeped behind the scenes, by asking what we do know and closes by saying "your statements made in the matter have now been contradicted by three of the delegates." Thereby hangs a tale, the fourth does not chime in with the three as will be seen by the readers of bee-papers. Whose evidence shall we accept? that of the three who sowed broadcast the statement that 40 tons of honey was on exhibition, and then the actual figures came out in the British Bee-Journal making it less than 20 tons, a falsehood proven as made by these three representatives of Canadian Bee-Keepers, and a dishonor? Our fourth commissioner, the president of the Association, never made such a statement