

Marathon, Jan. 20, 1913

To Canadian Bee Journal:

I received your notice of Jan. 18th re arrears. Please hunt up your record again, as I sent you a postal note on the 12th of October, or thereabout, for same. Postmaster can swear to this. Perhaps you forgot to take note of same. If I have to pay again I will send you 42 cents to pay up, and you can stop the Journal. If you find your mistake, send me a receipt to 31st or 1st of September, 1913.

ALEX. BRADLEY.

Dear Sir:

Tavistock, Jan. 23, 1913

I herewith enclose \$2 for renewal of C.B.J., which is in arrears since the April number. I am reminded of this by your footnote on page 8 of the January number. I am one of those whose letters failed to reach you, as I wrote you in June enclosing \$2. Noticing that the number was not changed on the label, I again wrote a card of enquiry in September, and still got no reply. But as I neglected to register the letter, I have only myself to blame. Trusting that this gets through all right, I remain, Yours respectfully,

R. A. SMITH.

Dear Sirs:

On October 29th last we sent you a subscription to the Canadian Bee Journal for one year, to be sent to N. M. Hilton, Yohk. B.C. On Dec. 11th we wrote you regarding this subscription, as Mr. Hilton had not then received any copies. We received no acknowledgment of the subscription, nor any reply to our letter.

Mr. Hilton now advises us under date of Jan. 10th that he has not yet received any copies of the Journal, and asks us to attend to the matter at once or return the money.

We may further state that this is not the first subscription we have sent you which has not been attended to. We wrote you several times during the year 1912 regarding some other subscriptions we had sent to you, but were unable to get any reply from you.

Now, if you don't wish to accept subscriptions from us in this way, why don't you say so, and we will discontinue taking them. You must understand that it is a source of much annoyance to us to take these subscriptions and then have subscribers writing us every month stating that they have not received copies, and it is still more annoying that we can get absolutely no response from you to any of our correspondence. We were under the impression that the Canadian Bee Journal was controlled and published by "human beings," but the lack of business courtesy that has been shown to us, during the past year at least, would lead one to an entirely different impression.

We make this final appeal to your attention, and we trust we shall not be disappointed.

Yours truly,

J. A. SIMMERS, Limited.

Per M.

Jas. J. Hurley, Esq.,

Editor C.B.J.,

Brantford, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hurley:

I see by the current number of the C.B.J. that there has been some swarming among the Journal's staff. Whether it was a forced or absconding swarm I know not, but I have been of the opinion that a good shaking was needed to improve the working energy of the stock, and I am writing in response to your call for assistance.

My first grievance was in the early

months of 1912. I had sent a photograph of an exhibit made by me at Victoria in September, 1911, together with a complimentary letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to the C.B.J. The photo and my communication appeared in the February issue, but I had to write three times requesting the return of the photo and letter, on which I had set some value. At last they were returned, but not a word as to the unnecessary long delay.

Last August 8th I wrote the Journal for information as to the practice adopted by the High Lights of Beedon in cleaning up wet extracting combs. I received an answer and an apology Nov. 30th, which stated my letter had been mislaid. A few days after, I received a full account of method used in his own yard from Mr. Holtermann. As I was in a great hurry to get through my work so as to get out on Government exhibition work, I had to evolve a method of my own, which is far ahead of any plan so far written on in our Journals.

In November, 1912, I sent the Journal some items on exhibition work that I had been carrying out for the Department of Agriculture, with my subscription to the Journal for 1913 and annual fee to the O.B.K.A., asking that my membership card be sent on. No answer came, so I wrote again in December, calling the assistant editor's attention to the fact that I had sent the express order on Nov. 1st and would like to receive my O.B.K.A. card, but so far I have not received any acknowledgment or the membership card.

Trusting you will, at your leisure, give your attention to this little matter.

Yours very truly,

E. F. ROBINSON.

Mr. J. J. Hurley,

Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday the Executive of the O.B.K.A. met in Toronto again, and did not get away from their work till nearly 4 p.m. I was delayed by a matter of business and did not meet with them till late in the day. They had come to certain conclusions before I arrived, and, while you will doubtless hear as to what they were, I dissented from their view most strenuously, but the majority carried their point. At your request, I read your letter to them.

However, my main object in writing you this letter is to say that I inquired about the many letters sent to your firm by Mr. Hodgetts during the last year, and every one were either addressed to "J. J. Hurley," or the "Hurley Printing Co." In view of this fact, you can hardly blame Mr. Hodgetts and others from assuming that your attitude was at the very least antagonistic to the interests of the Association. Of course, we never for a moment suspected that you had never seen these letters, as you state was the case.

At one time last fall I happened to meet one of Mr. Hodgetts's office assistants, who told me that they had over seventy of these complaints on file and could get no satisfaction from the office. This will give you an idea as to conditions as viewed by Mr. Hodgetts and others at that time. Mr. Dadant tells me that he sent clubbing lists and could get no answer, and so I could go on indefinitely in that line.

In conclusion, I wish to assure you that every member of the Executive is anxious that the C.B.J. shall continue to be pub-

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