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DUTY ON HONEY EXHIBIT, AND OTHER MATTERS.

In my last letter in C.B.J. touching on the World's Fair business, I took occasion to explain to intending exhibitors of honey that those wishing their honey sold in Chicago instead of having it returned to them, should understand that the American duty must be paid in the event of a sale, and that that duty would of course come out of the pocket of the Canadian exhibitor. I deemed it my duty to touch upon this matter so that there might be no misunderstanding on that score.

Exception has been taken, however, to what I there said by a gentleman for whom personally, and for whose judgment, I entertain a very high degree of respect. I mean my friend, Mr. S. Corneil, of Lindsay. I have his consent to make public use of a private letter of his, which is now before me.

Mr. Corneil, as the readers of the C.B.J. doubtless know, was one of the efficient delegates to the Intercolonial Exhibition held in London a few years ago, who there represented the credit of their country as well as the interests of Canadian beekeepers. That he did his part well in both respects may, I think, be safely asserted. As the experience gained there was in my opinion well worth drawing upon, I wrote Mr. Corneil, asking for suggestions as to the best method of putting up and packing comb honey for shipment over long distances with least injury to sections, etc., etc. Mr. Corneil kindly replied at length,

detailing the methods employed in packing for the Intercolonial, showing which succeeded best, making valuable suggestions in other directions, and concluding his letter with the following:—

"I congratulate you and the Ontario beekeepers on your appointment. I could not have done better if I had the making of the selection myself. There is one thing I think I may now mention without being impertinent, since you broke the ice yourself in the last C.B.J. * * * * Many of us do not agree with you on Dominion and Provincial public questions. I may be wrong, but I think that while you occupy a representative position, you would do better not to drag in controverted questions on which many of us know we can floor you in argument every time. For instance, I had a card a few days ago from ———, a Chicago honey dealer, inquiring as to the extent of my crop, and my prices. I learn similar inquiries have been made elsewhere. If we sell to him, he will have to pay Canadian prices, and the producer, contrary to your argument, will not in this case pay the duty. You are no worse, however, than ———. If I had my way I would put a veto on both of you taking part in any such discussions in any public way, till the show is over. * * * "

Now, I confess at the outset that that hint at "flooring" touches a tender spot. It is "the unkindest cut of all." Yet, in another sense it is a God-send, for this is the very kind of man I have been looking for for many a day, and now I have found him. True, I never trailed the proverbial "coat tail," but prayed all the same that just such a man would turn up as