



MR. F. W. JONES.

Mr. F. W. Jones, of Bedford, Que., the subject of this sketch, was born about thirty years ago of Scotch-American parentage, in the town wherein he now resides. When yet quite young he became interested in bee-culture, and, gradually working his way up, for years made the production of honey his sole occupation, in which he was notably successful. His colonies at one time numbered nearly three hundred. During the past few years he has become extensively engaged in the supply business, and now keeps but one yard of about one hundred and seventy colonies.

Mr. Jones is an extensive exhibitor at County and Provincial Exhibitions, and has done much to advance the interests of apiculture in the Province of Quebec. He is the originator of the "Model Bee Hive" which has become very popular in Eastern Canada.

He has a pleasant home situated a short distance outside of the town of Bedford, where his factory and apiary are located. In 1891 he was married to a "Scotch lassie," and a boy and girl bless their happy home. He is possessed of an earnest and energetic disposition, and thorough in his business; he undertakes few things without succeed-

ing. He has been a life-long member of the Episcopal Church, and for several years has been a member of the board of school commissioners of this town.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

PROSPECTS OF LEGISLATION IN FAVOR OF PURE HONEY.

MR. EDITOR.—Please allow me through your valuable journal to report upon efforts to secure a Pure Honey Bill at Ottawa, during the session of Parliament now prorogued.

The committee was courteously and kindly received by ministers and members of Parliament and given a patient and attentive hearing, and a good deal of interest was manifested in the industry we represented—apiculture.

We were informed at once, that the Government intended having a short session. The Minister of Agriculture expressed willingness to give us a bill, but it had one objectionable feature that would, in our opinion, destroy its usefulness, so we could not accept it. Well, we have to report that, for the present, we have failed to secure the desired legislation; but we have full confidence that next session will see it an accomplished fact, if we properly follow up the matter.

Very few, if any, bills of that nature become law during the first session of asking. I may add that there are embarrassing circumstances growing out of our Bill that do not come out of similar legislation for dairy men, all of which may be explained at next O.B.A. meeting.

Dr. T. S. Sproule, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, has written me that, if we wish it, he will at next session of Parliament introduce a Pure Honey Bill for us; but at the same time he warns us that there will be strong opposition.

S. T. PETTIT.

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P. S.—At Ottawa we found ourselves reinforced by the presence of M. B. Holmes and W. J. Brown. These gentlemen will receive the thanks of beekeepers for their enterprise in this important matter.