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SOME FURTHER EXPLANATIONS ABOUT
ITS NAME.

WE are glad to observe the general feeling of good will that prevails among the contributors of bee literature, and that the bitter personalities too frequently seen in former years have largely disappeared. It is very pleasant also to think of cordial relations existing between the publishers of the different periodicals devoted to the interest of bee keepers, and especially has it been gratifying to us to receive kind words from those who thus show themselves friends rather than rivals. Indeed we could scarcely desire more friendly relations than have existed from the beginning of our publication, barring the exceptions taken by the *American Bee Journal* to the name adopted by us. We are sure that the feeling on the part of friend Newman arose from a mistaken view, and had hoped that after our disclaimer of any wrong intention, those views would have been modified. There are, however, indications that our hopes in that direction are not yet fully realized. Now we would very much like to be in perfect accord with every body in the world, and would be glad if we could disarm friend Newman's prejudice.

In the first place we have no desire to sail under false colors, if for no other than selfish motives. The *American Bee Journal* has a name and prestige of which it may well be proud. The oldest publication of its kind in America, and the oldest weekly in the world, it has a vigor and enterprise that gives no token of decline from advancing years. Yet for all this we would not exchange names with it. The place we were to fill, required something distinctly Canadian, hence the name "Canadian" is more valuable to us. We expected this

name would help us to get subscribers, and we believe we have not been disappointed in our expectations. We do not believe we have ever got a single subscriber, who was misled by our name to suppose he was subscribing for the A.B.J. We did not expect, nor do we believe we have received, any benefit from the resemblance of our name to that of the A.B.J. We doubt if any damage has ever accrued to the A.B.J. from such resemblance. Probably Mr. Newman will tell us that he does not object to the name "Canadian," if we omit the "Journal." Right here we find an erroneous view of his, that is at the root of the whole difficulty. He assumes a monopoly of the word *Journal* both as a common and a proper name. He is quite willing to call us the "Canadian Bee Paper," but the word *Journal* is his private property. Long before the advent of the C.B.J., if we are not mistaken, he claimed that there was no other bee journal in existence but the A.B.J. At that time he might have said there was no other *Bee Journal*, although there were several *bee journals*. A look at Webster will show that a journal is "the title of a book or pamphlet published at stated times," and the name is thus seen to be rightly applicable to everything which Mr. Newman calls a "bee paper." Moreover it is in common use among bee-keepers, and may be frequently seen in the columns of bee-papers. Prof. Cook (Manual, pp 10, 11) applies the term "journal" in three separate instances to three other bee papers. Mr. Root in his A.B.C speaks of the Bee Journals. The A.B.J. itself allows the use of the word, as on page 228, vol 1, where a correspondent speaks of "agricultural journals" and "a journal about bees." If anything more conclusive were wanted it may be found in vol. 1, p 191, A.B.J. where the editor calls "L'Apiculteur" "the French Bee Journal" and speaks of it twice afterward as "the Journal."

The "American Bee Journal" as a title is the property of Mr. Newman and should be respected as such, but the three words of which the title is composed are words in common use and public property; only the combination "American Bee Journal" can be called his property. If he objects to our using the word *Journal*, then by the same