

or 168 of the Canadian Bee Journal for 1886, Mr. S. T. Pettit as President of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association did say "our fine richly-flavored crystal 'linden' honey is superior to American Basswood honey." And I also remember that when I arraigned Mr. Pettit for the statement, that Mr. McKnight did say that "Dr. Mason, mistakes the facts when he says that Canadians, in a wiley way or any other way * * * have sought to destroy confidence in the good qualities of American basswood honey and claim superiority for their own. I challenge him to name a solitary Canadian (apart from Mr. Pettit) who has made such a statement. "One swallow does not make a summer," nor one man a nation, and it is not generous on the Doctor's part to manifest such antipathy * * * because one of our people holds and expresses opinions peculiar to himself, and in which his fellow countrymen do not sympathize."

Does that read much as though Mr. McK. "aforetime affirmed" that * * * Ontario honey beats the world?" Not much but it very emphatically shows that not a solitary Canadian (apart from Mr. Pettit) * * * made such a statement."

I wish there were more men in Canada as truthful, honest and honorable as Mr. Pettit. I don't believe he attends conventions and "gets his Irish up" because other people do not say and do things just as he wants them to.

Now as to "color, flavor and high specific gravity."

There was, in several of the state exhibits honey as light colored (or even lighter perhaps) and honey as dark colored as any in the Ontario exhibit. Some of the light colored being as clear as the clearest of water, and I believe the specific gravity was not excelled, if it was equalled by any in the Ontario exhibit.

So far as flavor is concerned, it seems to me to be "a mess of moonshine" to even make a claim of superiority. Who would be a competent judge as regards flavor. Some Canadians would say no honey could surpass Linden honey in flavor, some would think clover honey far preferable and some would not exchange buckwheat honey for the choicest of any other kind ever produced.

When I began writing this, I had no idea "of stringing it out so," but I don't see where I could leave out any.

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All our dignity lies in our thoughts.

An idle man in the community is a tl. ef.

THE BEE-KEEPERS' PARLIAMENT.

RE-ORGANIZED—
IMPORTANT CHANGES.

In February we announced the opening of "The Bee-keepers' Parliament." A number appear to object to the competitive system. That system has therefore been withdrawn, and there will be no awards, but as we feel we can afford it, we intend privately rewarding from time to time, those who are painstaking contributors to this department. For some time to come, a subject will be given several months in advance. The contributions to this department must be received by the 15th of the month previous to the number in which the subject is to be dealt with. The subjects will be sufficiently broad, and limited to a certain number of words, to allow ample scope for ample thought and study, to concentrate the best ideas of the writer. We trust every one will take part to make this movement one of interest.

FOR MAY NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

To what extent is the prevention of swarming desirable? What method shall be adopted. (Not more than 200 words.)

FOR JUNE NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Artificial ripening of honey as opposed to ripening of honey by the bees in the hive. What benefits are to be derived from either system? Which is preferable? (Not more than two-hundred words.)

FOR JULY NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Suggestions applicable to July, that will aid in the successful wintering of bees. (Not more than two hundred words.)

FOR AUGUST NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Suppose that your comb honey is yet on the hive. Handle it until ready for the wholesale or retail market. (Not more than two-hundred words.)

FOR APRIL NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Best method of building up twenty-five or more stocks for the honey flow. Begin with the earliest outdoor flowers. (Not more than two hundred words.)

"Begin with the earliest outdoor flowers" to stimulate brood rearing, by feeding a good sugar syrup. Rotate the brood frames as rapidly as filled, keeping the more empty ones in the centre. Let them entirely alone