

shall have many beekeepers attending it. Any one wishing further particulars may address me, as I have the honor of being secretary of the organization.

R. F. HOLTERMANN, Brantford, Ont.

P.S.—I forgot to say that the agricultural experiments carried on by the Union this year numbered five thousand and eighty-eight. Come; you will have a profitable and enjoyable time. The College has, since the last meeting of the Union, added a convocation hall (to seat nine hundred), five greenhouses, a cheese factory, and creamery equipped for a short course of dairying, and a circular silo, etc.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.
A Kind Contributor.

MR. EDITOR.—Your kind request that I will furnish something for the columns of the C. B. J. is before me, for which opportunity I thank you.

I have often felt like writing to our own periodical, but just as frequently have I been deterred by the consideration that my experience will not warrant me in an attempt to gain a place in your corps of contributors.

When I think of the many bright particular stars in your apiarian galaxy, I feel that in me it would be the acme of assurance to aspire to that honor. Nevertheless as you have extended an invitation I will endeavor to comply.

Although I have tried to be a beekeeper since 1866, I am somewhat of a Baurbon, because I have not learned very much about bees, and have forgotten nothing, when my toes have been intentionally trodden upon. Consequently, you must not expect from me anything either instructive or entertaining. "Such as I have give I unto thee."

A CANADIAN WEEKLY BEE JOURNAL.

A query which very frequently has arisen in my mind, is, why the American Bee Journal should have been allowed to substantiate its claim of being the only weekly bee-paper in existence.

If I remember correctly, the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL was the first weekly publication in the interest of apiculture, which started into being on the continent to

which we belong; and why it should have been changed to a bi-monthly, thereby giving the *American Bee Journal* the opportunity of making the claim already spoken of, is "one of those things which no fellow can understand," as Lord Dundreary is credited with having said.

Now, as I have intimated, you have a large corps of excellent writers, who can doubtless furnish the "mental pabulum" necessary to produce a first-class weekly, equal to any and second to none.

Your subscription list is not confined to Canada, although her territory does exceed that of Uncle Sam by several hundred thousand square miles, and a determined effort put forth by each admirer of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will produce the required result.

What say you, friend? Shall the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL continue to rest quietly under the stigma of having surrendered its birthright?

Sincerely yours,

O. FITZALWYN WILKINS.

International Bridge,

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REPLY:

We are exceedingly obliged to Mr. Wilkins, not only for his communication, but for the very important suggestion it contains. We should be very glad, indeed, if we could see our way clearly to a return to first principles, and the re-issue of the C. B. J. as a weekly journal. We do not know what the experience of the A. B. J. is, beyond the fact that we are happy to observe that it appears to be a prosperous venture. Our experience was that the weekly issue did not pay, and there was consequently no alternative left but to make the change. It counts largely in favor of economy of production, on the part of the A. B. J. that it is published within almost the centre of a circle whose periphery encloses a *clientelle* of some sixty millions of people. And although we enjoy a considerable circulation upon our own axis, as well as within the