

Death of Mr. S. Corneil.

The Secretary Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association Suddenly Passes Away.

Many bee-keepers will be surprised and shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Samuel Corneil. Lindsay, Ont.

On Saturday, April 7th, Mr. Corneil had reached the age of 58 and appeared to be in his usual health. After dinner he went to the garden and apiary and was found a few hours after with life extinct. Heart failure is supposed to be the cause. He leaves a wife and family.



Mr. Corneil was born in the township of Ops. Ontario county, on 7th of April, 1836. His childhood and youth were spent on the farm. Having obtained a good education he taught for some years at various places, and was afterwards local superintendent of schools for the county. For the last twenty-five years his residence has been in Lindsay, and he was chiefly engaged as an insurance agent. He was twice elected a member of the board of education in Lindsay and assisted much in getting the old High School changed to its present rank of a Collegiate Institute.

Mr. Corneil has held the position of President of the Ontario Bee-keepers'

Association and at his death was its Secretary, and director for the district in which he resided. He was one of the delegates to the Colonial and Indian exhibition in 1886.

Mr. Corneil was chiefly noted for taking some problem in bee-keeping and with careful and painstaking effort seeking to bring upon it all the scientific light which could be found in various works, and which appeared to bear upon the question. Although bee-keepers did not always agree with the conclusions arrived at, there is no doubt Mr. Corneil's writings were interesting and of value, aside from what may have been correct, in that it tended to make Canadian, yes, American, bee-keepers pay greater attention to the scientific side of bee-keeping. Practically the bee-keepers of the American continent lead the world. From the scientific standpoint we have much to learn from such men as Cowan, Cheshire, Dzierson and others, men who are original and careful students of scientific bee keeping.

The sudden call of one so well known to the bee-keeping fraternity is not without its solemn lessons. Let each of us take the lesson home to ourselves.

Attention!—Honey Legislation.

Brother Bee-keepers, you will be more than pleased to know that on April 23rd our Pure Honey Bill will be introduced.

Our good friend, T. S. Sproule, M.P., has charge of the bill, and in his energetic painstaking way will do great work for us.

The fact that we have some very little opposition in our ranks, has done much to hinder the work we are interested in.

Now, bee-keepers of Canada, you can do good service in the cause by writing to your member, setting forth the necessity of the proposed legislation; never mind if you and your member do take opposite sides in politics, and if he knows it; all the better; for he will appreciate your good judgment in brushing aside politics, and like a good bee-keeper working for the general good of the country.

Better not approach the ministers, they have been approached both personally and by letter quite enough, I judge.

I have been twice this session to Ottawa, and may possibly have to go again, but I hope not, but if I am recalled the response shall be both immediate and cheerful.

Belmont, Ont. S. T. PETTIT.

[We would urge all bee-keepers to act on the above suggestion at once, it is of great importance. Write whether you know your M. P. or not.—ED.]