

we found that C.B.J. money orders and letters were not in the office and recorded in the books as they should be, he was called upon to appear at the office at 10 o'clock on a certain morning—about a week after his dismissal. There he met our solicitor. He evidently anticipated the difficulties, as he brought back a large roll of letters, together with about fifty dollars in post-office and money orders. It is needless to say that his smile had disappeared.

When the C.B.J. came into our possession the Ontario bee-keepers were divided. We published articles from the pen of Mr. McEvoy. This annoyed the other party. We courteously asked the opposing party to state their views. Mr. Sibbald was one of these. Mr. Sibbald declined and replied that we had no business to publish anything from Mr. McEvoy on early spring inspection of bees. This explains Mr. White's allusion to Mr. Sibbald in his letter to Mr. Byer. All this we regretted very much. We had hopes, however that the wound would heal. Was Mr. White moved by the same hope? He wanted the C.B.J. or a bee journal. While he was assuring us the wound was healing, was he keeping it bleeding? The Executive of the O.B.K.A. feel that they have a grievance against the C.B.J. under its present management. We can only say we fear that he has been deceiving the Executive while deceiving us.

The following letter received on Friday, January 17, from J. A. Simmers, will explain the man's incompetence and gross betrayal of his trust. The letter is a severe one, but under the circumstances it seems they were justified in writing it. It will be noticed by this letter that his conduct is apparently of no recent date, but evidently extends over nearly the whole year 1912. We have no knowledge yet of how many cash remittances were received. We know of a few, however:

BEE JOURNAL

Jan. 16th, 1913

Dear Sirs:

On October 29th last we sent you a subscription to the Canadian Bee Journal for one year, to be sent to N. M. Hilton, York, B.C. On Dec. 11th we wrote you regarding this subscription, as Mr. Hilton had not then received any copies. We received no acknowledgment of the subscription, nor any reply to our letter.

Mr. Hilton now advises us under date of Jan. 10th that he has not yet received any copies of the Journal, and asks us to attend to the matter at once or return the money.

We may further state that this is not the first subscription we have sent you which has not been attended to. We wrote you several times during the year 1912 regarding some other subscriptions we had sent to you, but were unable to get any reply from you.

Now, if you don't wish to accept subscriptions from us in this way, why don't you say so; and we will discontinue taking them. You must understand that it is a source of much annoyance to us to take these subscriptions and then have subscribers writing us every month stating that they have not received copies, and it is still more annoying that we can get absolutely no response from you to any of our correspondence. We were under the impression that the Canadian Bee Journal was controlled and published by "human beings," but the lack of business courtesy that has been shown to us during the past year at least, would lead one to an entirely different impression.

We make this final appeal to your attention, and we trust we shall not be disappointed.

Yours truly,

J. A. SIMMERS, Limited,
Cainville, at our request, Per M.

It was certainly a most peculiar "human being" in whom we trusted. We had absolute confidence in the man up to the last moment.

Among the package of letters returned after his dismissal, as explained above, was the following from Mr. H. D. McLutyr, Woodbridge, Ont.:

Woodbridge, Nov. 25, 1912
Friend Hurley: and wife.

Enclosed find P. O. check for \$1.00 for which insert the following ad in C.B.J. for December and January, 1913, but he said "Wanted to purchase bees in any quantity not exceeding 200 colonies. Must be free from disease and in good shape. Extracting combs wanted." Address

W. D. MCINTYRE,
Woodbridge, Ont."

This advertisement did not appear in December or January issues. It does appear this month.

Note the following examples: out

Marathon Jan. 20, 1913

To Canadian Bee Journal:
I received your notice of Jan. 18th re arrears. Please hunt up your record again, as I sent you a postal note on 14th 12th of October, or thereabout, for same. Post-