

Man! At a time when bacteriologists did not fully understand the disease, and comparatively little was known about it, Wm. McEvoy was working and studying and experimenting, and succeeded in solving the problem in a simple manner. His discovery has made his name as distinguished throughout the world as that of the venerated Father L. L. Langstroth. As the result of the passing of the Foul Brood Act, Mr. McEvoy was appointed inspector, and Mr. Gemmill assistant inspector. Other duties, however, prevented his taking a very active part as assistant inspector. He left the work very largely to Mr. McEvoy.

Another of Mr. Gemmill's efforts on behalf of the bee-keeping industry was the advocating of a law to prevent fruit trees being sprayed while in bloom. The late Mr. Pringle, Mr. E. D. Smith, a prominent fruit-grower, of Winona, Ont., and himself, were appointed in 1892 to appear at St. Catharines before a meeting of fruit-growers of the Niagara district, called for the express purpose of discussing this matter. Again success crowned their efforts. This was legislated upon without opposition from the fruit-growers, who enthusiastically admitted the benefit the bees were to horticulture. Spraying fruit trees in full bloom was made illegal.

The most interesting feature, however, and one which has given rise to this sketch, is the fact that Mr. Gemmill was the first to import into Ontario an Italian queen; and, further, that that queen came from no less a person than the father of modern bee-keeping, Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth. Accompanying this sketch will be seen a letter, dated Oxford, Butler County, Ohio, October 14th, 1864, addressed to Mr. Gemmill, acknowledging the re-

ceipt of \$10.25 for a queen which he ordered. To most bee-men this letter will be regarded as a rare treasure. It will be noticed that, with characteristic honesty, Langstroth returns the twenty-five cents overpaid.

An express receipt for the safe arrival of the above queen is also shown. Mr. Gemmill says there was no queen-shipping cages in those days, nor candy to feed them on their journey. The queen was sent in a box about four times the size of the ordinary queen cage now used. There was placed in this box a piece of comb honey, surrounded by cotton batting, to absorb the drip. The queen was introduced in the following manner: After securing the old queen, the new



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