

some of them would have gone out of existence long ago had it not been for the substantial support of their publishers.

Guide books and hand books on general management are good and useful as references, or for the beginner in laying a foundation of sound apicultural knowledge, but if the novice is to advance, with advancing thought, and advancing methods, he must have access to current bee literature. The bee-keeper's column of the newspaper or agricultural magazine no matter how well conducted cannot be satisfactory to the bee-keeper who would make a success of his bee-keeping, and can never take the place of the journal devoted exclusively to apiculture; in fact, the most dangerous and obstinate heresies that bee-keepers have had to contend with have issued from these sources.

Local conditions and requirements, apart from loyalty to state or country, make the support of the local representative magazine of first importance, then as many others as the bee-keeper feels he can afford. Unfortunately, the great mass of small bee-keepers do not seem to have the proper estimate of the value of apicultural information, they are interested to a very small extent—"only a few hives for their own use" they tell us, but somehow more or less of their ill-favored product finds its way on the market, to the detriment of the excellent article placed there by the intelligent producer. There are probably upwards of 8,000 such bee-keepers in our own Dominion, whose bee-keeping is of the crudest character.

Our Canadian publication needs the co-operation of this association much more than it has been favored with. There is no lack of ability on your part to make the Canadian Bee Journal more distinctly Canadian, and to rank like Canadian honey the 'first of its kind.'

Mr. Holtermann—Mr. President, I am sorry that Mr. Ernest Root is not here. The subject is an important one.

Perhaps the time is rather short for saying much upon it, but as one who is not at all interested now, you may say, aside of what all of you are in the matter of Canadian Bee Journalism, a special journal in connection with Bee-Keeping, I would just like to say, as one who has in the past been in that position and seen its difficulties that as has been said in that paper, there are able bee-keepers in this country, men who are in a position to give to the public and to the press that which would be of great value not alone in this Dominion, but which would be of value in the bee literature of other countries. I would make this plea for The Canadian Journal, a special paper, that you try to support it not alone by subscribing for it, but by contributing to it. There must be small beginnings in everything, and as far as we are concerned, we haven't got the population that the United States and Europe have, and if a journal is to be successful you must help it. The circulation cannot be as large because in the United States bee-keepers take the United States journals first and then afterwards another one; so, if you take The Canadian Bee Journal first, and afterwards the others, that is as I see it, and besides, help it with your pen, and write for it, the time will come when its circulation will increase and in a measure you will be rewarded for that which you may contribute to it. There may be in a journal something which we don't agree with. There must be progress. Allow yourselves to express yourself freely upon the subject of controversy and allow others to do the same and give each one credit for wanting to do that which will advance the interests in the best possible way.

Mr. Deadman—Mr. Craig has made