

The Missouri beekeepers opened their semi-annual convention on the 17th November last, during a severe snow storm (poor Missouri!), when very instructive discussions took place on various matters connected with bee culture. After a three-days' session all returned to their homes satisfied that, all things considered, the meeting was interesting and profitable. The "Table of Statistics," submitted to their convention, showed that the Missouri honey crop was not above an average, two thousand three hundred and twenty colonies (all count) gathering less than fifteen pounds per colony. Let our O.B.A. gather similar statistics and make a report at its next meeting.

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The *A.B. Journal* has a new correspondent, suppose ... "haythen Chinese," Wing Lung, of "San Fransisco," who has been telling his experience to the A.B.J. I quote one paragraph:—"Sunday me no workee on lanch (ranch): me go Sunday school, and talkee teacher 'bout sugar fly. Him teacher one lady and say him leed Mr. Loot's A.B.C. 'bout sugar fly. Me likee hear him teacher talkee heep tot. Him tellee me 'bout God,—me forgettee; him talkee 'bout sugar fly,—me no forgettee."

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I see Bro. Bellamy, of Black Bank, Ont., has been offering suggestions for the improvement of the A.B.J., and very good they are, too. Now, dear C.B.J., may I offer a suggestion to Bro. Bellamy? Like his celebrated namesake who wrote "Looking Backward," let him look back over the numbers of the C.B.J.: review each number, and have his comments published in the next issue. When our editor so kindly condescends to accept my rambling remarks, I don't not he will be greatly pleased to publish anything with which you may favor him. Again, Bro. Bellamy, from a patriotic standpoint, I respectfully suggest that it is your duty, as a Canadian, to freely give your assistance to the support of the only bee journal now published in this Dominion. After

you have furnished an article for each number of our home journal, then favor our American cousins semi occasionally. There! that's the second time I've used that pollysyllable. My best girl says that lock jaw will cause a funeral in my family - ne day.

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Now, I've arrived at the index of the A.B.J., but as there's no index in the C.B.J. I shall make no further comments. A Happy New Year to all producers of pure floral honey.

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FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

HONEY MARKETS.

DEAR SIR,—In view of the many and recent discussions of the various subjects connected with beekeeping, all duly published, it is difficult to find any issue which has not received proper attention except markets; and this subject seems to require more thorough ventilation. Not to take up your valuable time, I shall try to say "much in little."

1. As honey is to the sugar trade so it stands to the candy dealer. In my childhood I can remember eating the most exquisitely flavored sweetmeats prepared by a first class city confectioner. They had a very strong flavor of honey. They were called honey balls, and they were sold for a high price because they were flavored with honey. I am certain there is much honey used for the manufacture of confections in the trans-Atlantic cities.

"In our blessed Dominion, so wide and so free,
There is room and to spare for the dear honey
bee."

We have a land of schools filled with boys and girls who, alas! will spend their pocket money (i. e. if they have any) for much that is not bread, far less honey. Three or four times a day are our town, village and city streets thronged with the young hopefuls of their day and generation; and how many invest their small spendings in the numerous colored and fantastically shaped forms made to attract their lovely innocent eyes, and minister to the enjoy-