

ger with silvery tongue, and free pen (late editor of a photographer's Journal), has posed as an expert of 30 years' experience and now goes forth as an expounder of modern, practical and commercial bee-keeping. It is a conformation of the old saying, slightly varied, that presumption rushes in where experience fears to tread. A few friends and self are busy raising (on hot beds) a few hard shelled nuts for our friend to crack.

Wishing the C.B.J. a successful year.
417 Young Street, Victoria, B. C. Mar 16.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

N. E. France.

The membership enrollment to-day (March 26), is 3,700. The President's mark of 5,000 is fast coming in sight. Let the good work go on.

Information Bulletin No. 15 has just been mailed to members. This is of value only as each member uses it. To many it is worth the dust of several years.

The second edition of "Bee-keepers' Legal Rights" has just been mailed to the membership. It is a reference volume which every bee-keeper should have in his library. Paid-up members get a free copy. There are none for sale to outsiders.

The winter losses of bees are quite heavy in places. Some report 75% loss.

The present honey prospects are good except in southern California, where they have had no rain for nine weeks.

Each new member gets a copy of the Report free, as long as the supply lasts, which is getting low.

R. L. Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Directors, has been having the grippe.

If each National member would work to get new members like our recent candidate for President (Thomas Chantry) has done, we would number 5,000 by the close of the honey harvest. Why not do this?

If our members who produce extracted honey will follow the advice given in In-

formation Bulletin No. 15 there will be a great demand for honey with hopes of better prices next fall.

I hope by the time the members of the National get their honey ready for market this year to be able to have new patterns of honey labels for their special use.

On the evening of March 31 as the General Manager, N. E. France and his wife were mailing the last buggy load of Bee-keepers' Legal Rights they met with serious injuries by another team running into their buggy up-setting it and causing a runaway.

[We trust all our Canadian readers will avail themselves of the opportunity of becoming members of the National (or International, as it should be called). We sincerely hope that Mr. and Mrs. France will experience no permanent injury from their mishap.—Ed].

SHORT COURSE IN BEEKEEPING AT THE MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Circulars are now being distributed for the two weeks' course in beekeeping which comes May 25th to June 8th at the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

The practical field work and demonstrations in the handling of bees will be given by Dr. Burton N. Gates, of Washington, D. C.

Crops for honey bees will be treated by Dr. William P. Brooks.

Bees, and Their Relation to the Pollination of Plants, will be treated by Dr. George E. Stone.

The Origin and Evolution of the Honey Bee, by Henry T. Fernald.

Bee-keepers' Supplies, by Dr. James B. Paige.

No tuition is charged in the course. Board and rooms can be secured at reasonable prices.

A circular and registration card can be secured by writing the Director of Short Courses, Amherst, Mass.

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED

About the History and Nature of the Honey Bee, and How to Manage and Possessed of the

John Ramsey

I was born in the year 1855 in the Township of Eramosa, at the "Gore District," but part of the County of Well.

In my early days, I occupied a few bees in straw hives, gums, from which no honey was cured, except by the crucible and the brimstone pit. Having heard, of the ancient superstitions concerning them, such as in the death in the family of mourning, etc., etc.; of luck, all of which is pure non-sense, patent vendors wonderful knowledge, or rather ignoring them.

About the year, 1855 or 1856, a swarm of bees in a cedar swamp, which I cut down at home, about seven feet high, contained the bees and comb; black, and cast a swarm several years, I hived the

About that time I was reading the "Genessee Farmer," in notice of a book for sale, entitled "The History and Principles of Bee-keeping," by Quimby, of St. Johnsville, N. Y., ordered, and got a copy of it. It proved a wonderful revelation, and I think that the world owes much to him, and to L. L. Langstroth of the moveable frame; all be given to these two men they gave to the world, of history and management of the bee.

I went to work and made Quimby's square hives, and Langstroth's wide frames, and getting some very nice comb