

Now We'll be Good

MR. HOLTERMANN ISSUES WRIT FOR LIBEL

TAKE NOTICE that I complain of certain statements published of or concerning me in the issue Volume 16, Number 11, of The Canadian Bee Journal for the month of November, 1908, and published on or about the 10th day of November, 1908, on pages 406 and 407, as being libellous:



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(a) "In the Farmers' Advocate of Oct. 29th appears a 'report of the National Convention, recently held at Detroit. The Advocate has no doubt received the report in good faith and paid well for it. In its reference to the discussion of foul brood the name of Wm. McEvoy is entirely omitted. Mr. McEvoy is a Canadian, whose home is in Woodburn, Ont., and is the most prominent man on the continent of America in the matter of foul brood. In the discussion that took place his statement was of the utmost importance, and was so regarded by the convention, as was evidenced by the magnificent reception he received. He is recognized as one of the greatest living authorities on foul brood, for which distinction Canadian bee-keepers are justly proud. Yet in the report above referred to his name does not appear, while that of Mr. Holtermann is mentioned several times. If one takes upon oneself the self-imposed task of reporting meetings of such importance for the money there is in it, one ought to be honorable and big enough to suppress one's envy and jealousy, and render an honest report. The Advocate paid for it, and was entitled to an honest report. Such unfair conduct always defeats its purpose. The absence of Mr. McEvoy's name made him more conspicuous than if it had appeared, and, furthermore, this protest would not have been called forth. With this hint, we feel assured that the Advocate will insist on 'honest goods' hereafter."

(b) "We notice a report of the Detroit convention in the Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star. The prominence given therein to our distinguished friend, Mr. Holtermann, would lead one to believe that he certainly was 'It' at the convention. If these reports 'at good prices' were as 'square' as Mr. Holtermann's 'square hive, they would square better with the facts.'"

Meaning thereby that I made unfair, untruthful and dishonest reports of the proceedings of the said convention.



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