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Mr. Ouellette will be in Ottawa during February and will be pleased to meet the delegation and assist it in any way in his power to obtain the necessary legislation to stamp out the "sugar" honey fraud.

A partial report of the meeting of the O. B. K. A. at Lindsay appears in this issue and is responsible for the delay in publishing this number, as we were unable to secure a copy of the proceedings at a sufficiently early date.

We are very thankful to our friends who have sent us so many kind wishes. Launching a new publication on the sea of bee-keeping journalism is a venture not always attended by success. We have been successful to an extent equal to our anticipations and expect to have still more encouragement after the present issue is placed in the hands of practical bee-keepers.

A large number of our friends have deprecated the fact of our appearing only quarterly at present. To them, and to all, we would simply say that it rests with the bee-keepers of Canada as to whether the PRACTICAL remains a quarterly or becomes a monthly. Nothing but a good large subscription list will warrant us in incurring the risk. This Journal is not to be conducted as a side issue to a manufactory but rather aims at being a Journal for bee-keepers, devoted to their interests, and to be used by them for the advancement of their industry. We hope to have 2000 names on our subscription list before the present year is out, and considering the very large number of bee-keepers in Canada we do not think we ask too much.

—*La Revue* in one of its numbers, cites an instance, as given by a correspondent of a colony constructing combs during the winter season. This unusual activity was caused by an accident to the hive by which more than half the combs had been broken and fallen to the bottom. The bees immediately set to work to restore the damage although the outside temperature was as low as 2 to 4 above zero. The Editor, Mr. Bertrand, relates an analogous experience which he had in feeding sugar some fifteen years ago. "In spring the sugar had been consumed and replaced by comb with large cells. There is no doubt that even in winter bees can produce wax if they are more or less forced to build up a vacancy in the centre of the cluster."

Among the many friendly criticisms received the most complete and witty is that of Mr. E. E. Hasty, in *Bee-Keepers' Review*. This criticism is published in full on our last page. The publisher's name is comically but not correctly hit off. Instead of 'Wellet' it should be pronounced 'Oo-let' with the accent on the 'let.' The translations are the editor's own and he believes he has struck a good thing particularly as some of the other journals are rapidly following suit.

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