

the prices of goods. What you say about the importation of wax has been thoroughly discussed this season by a number of our friends, and since there has been a great mortality among bees, it appears there is more wax than will be required for this season's use. The removal of the duty on wax this year would scarcely be in the interest of bee-keepers as there appears to be more having wax for sale than there are purchasers of foundation, so many having good combs left from dead stock.

LATER.—Since the above was written, the truth of the statement we made regarding those journals which were not interested in the supply business has been verified, as the *Apiculturist*, edited by S. M. Locke, has found it necessary to connect itself with a supply business, and in an editorial on the subject, the editor states that "two years ago we issued the first number of the *Apiculturist*, with the intention to establish, if possible, an independent bee journal, and one that was in no way connected with the supply business."

In the same article the following admission is made:—

"We have learned that a bee journal must be either directly or indirectly connected with a well conducted experimental apiary, in order that it may be well supplied with a proper amount and variety of information, valuable alike to the expert and novice, and that such apiary be supplied with all the modern appliances and fixtures necessary for conducting scientific and practical experiments and investigations in apiculture. It is also of vital importance that this bee farm be under the personal supervision of an expert who has mastered every branch of apiculture."

The editor states with regard to the establishment of an apiary in connection with the journal:—

"To organise such an enterprise requires a large investment of capital and this we lacked; again it must be made self-supporting, which makes it necessary so dispose of its productions. This has led us to defer any change until we had given the experiment of publishing an independent journal a fair and thorough trial, which we have done until we have been actually compelled to make a change."

We have had no one to object to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL because of its

connection with the supply business, in fact the knowledge which would be gained through a periodical not so conducted would be, for a great part, more *theoretical* than *practical*, and those who *know*, decide that it requires *practical* knowledge to lead others on to success.

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THINGS IN GENERAL.

WHEN I received the first number of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, I exclaimed, "Well, what on earth do we want with another paper devoted to apiculture? Haven't we periodicals enough to cover the whole ground?" But on looking over your JOURNAL I thought your experienced eye and level head was perhaps needed to complete the circle of North American bee literature. That you will give us our money's worth I have no doubt. Your paper will probably fill a place among Canadian bee-keepers which no one South of the line can do. For I suspect that a great many of your people think there is *nothing* produced in the States quite so good as at home? But we can forgive you that bit of egotism, if it exists. So here is our hand and our \$ by way of encouragement. If you "run out" all other American bee papers and occupy the land, all right. Newman, of the *A.B.J.*, and Root, of *Gleanings*, have both been in the harness so long they are probably looking for a place to rest; and your coming into the work fresh, after years of full feed on "bee bread" and the stimulating effects of white clover honey and basswood "methiglen," will "spell" the "boys."

I attended the great Bee Congress at New Orleans last winter. The most interesting thing I saw was the faces of some of the fraternity. But many of the old "stagers" were not there. That cyclopædia of bee knowledge, Friend Doolittle was wanting. Heddon didn't materialize. Poppleton didn't answer to roll call. Jones was conspicuous by his absence. Prof. Cook was present only in spirit, and a host of others whose faces I wanted to study, as I had their writings, did not offer me the opportunity.

One thing I was convinced of, and that was that the South will never successfully compete with the North in producing honey.

Another thing calculated to reconcile a Northern bee-keeper to his "hard lot" in the "frozen North" is the knowledge that we can winter our bees just as easily as they can summer theirs. Their accounts of wholesale robbing, which the most experienced could neither prevent nor stop,