

Letters to the Editor

BEE INSPECTORS

Mr. Editor:

Believing the appointment of apiary inspectors to be experimental, a few of us who are not apiarists but rather farmers with a few colonies of bees, kept quite as much for the pollenization of our orchards as the honey we hope to obtain, desire, through the medium of *The Journal*, to tell the Beekeepers Association that we appreciate their appointment, and believe that the work done this summer by our inspector (a Mr. Holmes, of Athens) is the beginning of what will be rife with grand results.

The terrible fatalities among the bees during the last year and a half have been very discouraging, and nearly "put most of us out of business." Some of us feared that foul brood or some other plague or disease were destroying the bees, and many thought seriously of giving up in despair. We knew that we were not getting the results that professionals got, and never hoped to be able to manage the "cranky" little stingers like the men we hear and read about. We seemed to have enthusiasm without knowledge.

The Inspector's visit allayed our suspicions and did away with our fears. When we saw how easily he stacked the frames on the outside of the hives, while they were covered with bees, in his search for signs of disease; and made the bees go where he wanted them to go, and do as he wanted them to do, we concluded that a few visits like this first one would put us in a

position to make the time spent among our bees a source of not only recreation and pleasure, but also of interesting study and fat profits.

The writer once drove twelve miles to listen to a talk upon Bees and Bee Keeping by Mr. Fixter, late of the Ottawa Experimental Farm. Prof. Fixter proved himself to be a Past Master in the art, but could not give, in the time allotted him to speak, such an object lesson as if he had been among the buzzers, smoker in hand, doing practical work and giving reasons for every thing he did.

Now, we wish to ask the Association to press upon the Department of Agriculture the necessity of continuing the inspectorial work. There must be no turning back now that we have had a start. Let progress be our watchword until our banner fruit and dairy province becomes as noted for her honey as she is for her cheese.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your space, I am

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ABSENCE OF HONEY ON HOTEL TABLES

Mr. Editor:—

Having made a special appeal to the friends of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL at our recent Convention in the County of York County Chambers in Toronto, to help make the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL better, by sending in contributions to the editor for publication, I don't feel that I am capable of doing much along that line. However, you are the judge, and so I will flounder where angels might fear to tread. In this little article I

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