

Of Interest to Bee-Keepers.

While here last week, Dr. Montague, M.P. had several interviews with the Hon. Mr. Wood and the chief analyst, Mr. Macfarlane, in regard to matters of interest to bee-keepers. Among other things the doctor requested that Mr. Wood should arrange for an analysis of samples of honey to be sent him by bee-keepers, the results to be given to the public through the press. Mr. Wood has directed Mr. Macfarlane's staff to undertake the work. The result will be of benefit to Canadian bee-keepers, as, in addition to demonstrating the purity of their product, it will also show the value of honey as a food. In this connection the suggestion is made that the chief analyst should examine samples of imported product. Last year Canada imported 28,699 pounds of honey "and imitations and adulterations thereof," valued at \$3,751, the duty on which was \$861. The question naturally arises whether any good object is gained by allowing an ostensibly adulterated article to enter the country when our own bee-keepers can produce, according to the awards of the World's Fair judges, the best quality of honey in the world. — *Toronto Daily Empire*.

Since the above appeared in the *Empire* we learn that owing to the efforts of Doctor Montague M. P. a bee department is being started at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The eyes of thousands of bee-keepers will now turn to Ottawa for practical experiments in bee-keeping to enable them to produce a better article at less cost. There is no good reason why bee-keepers should not have received such assistance long ago. For these efforts bee-keepers owe Doctor Montague M. P. a debt of gratitude. — Ed.

The Bee-Keepers' Parliament.

For several months we have had in view the organization of what we shall term "The Bee-Keepers' Parliament." For some time to come a subject will be given several months in advance. The contributions to this department must be received by the 15th of the month previous to the number in which the subject is to be dealt with. This will allow but little time for contributions to be received for the March number; yet there is sufficient time. The subjects will be sufficiently broad, and limited to a certain number of words to allow ample scope for ample thought and study, to concentrate the best ideas of the writer. We trust every one will take part to make this movement one of interest. There will doubtless be some who will be pleased to contribute without the hope of reward, yet

to add interest to the movement, we offer for the best contribution, as a first prize, either of the following: Geikie, "Hours with the Bible," 6 volumes in 8; Alden's new Home Atlas of the World; Oxford Teacher's Bible, French seal, divinely circuit; Macauley's History of England, 3 volumes. As a second prize, either of the following: Alden's Cyclopaedia of Natural History; Burns' Poems, 3 volumes; McCarty's History of Our Own Times.

We offer the above prizes to either Canadian or United States contributors.

FOR MARCH NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Best method of caring for colonies (wintered in cellar) from early spring until placed upon summer stands. (Not more than two hundred words.)

FOR APRIL NUMBER OF JOURNAL.

Best method of building up twenty-five or more stocks, for the honey flow. Begin with earliest outdoor flowers. (Not more than two hundred words.)

Endorsed.

Editor Canadian Bee Journal.

SIR, — I am glad to see you take a decided stand against the wrong being done to our pursuit by *The Review*. It is a shame to inculcate such pernicious teachings. I had supposed that it had seen the error of its ways. Your editorial in January number regarding the feeding of sugar syrup with honey, as well as the monopoly of the reports of the Experimental Station in Michigan, is very timely. I am not sure that the Canadian Bee Journal, as well as the rest, do right in advertising *The Review* when it sets forth such baneful doctrines. Yours truly,

Brussels, Ont.

G. A. DEADMAN.

BEE-KEEPER WANTED.

In no part of the Dominion is bee-keeping attracting greater attention than in Quebec Province. We have a communication from a party in Quebec who wishes to employ a good bee-keeper for the coming season, one understanding French and English is desired. Any one wishing employment of the above nature might send their address and particulars to us. If they cannot speak French there will be no harm in applying, giving wages required. It may be that no bee-keeper can be secured speaking both French and English. This would be an excellent opportunity of acquiring the French Language.

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