

MR. ALLAN PRINGLE DEAD.

A Leading Agriculturist and Bee-keeper and a Brilliant Canadian Writer Passes Suddenly Away.

NAPANEE, July 22.—(Special) — Mr. Allan Pringle passed away at his residence, in the Township of Richmond, about 3 o'clock this afternoon, after a short illness of about a week's duration. The news of his sudden and unexpected demise was a great shock to his many friends in this district, where he was universally esteemed and respected. Mr. Pringle was born in the Township of Richmond about 55 years ago. He studied medicine for a time, but abandoned it to pursue the calling of an agriculturist and aparian. He was recognized as one of the leading beekeepers of Ontario, and was placed over the honey exhibit at the World's Fair by the Ontario Government. He was a skillful and successful farmer also, and his farm, in the Township of Richmond, is a model of cleanliness and neatness. Deceased was a deep thinker and logical reasoner, and as a writer of clear, forcible English, will take rank with the foremost writers in Canada to day. He was a contributor to many magazines and newspapers both in the United States and Canada, and was in close touch with many of the ablest thinkers on this continent. Deceased was a man of sterling honesty and integrity. He was a very abstemious man and a vegetarian. Mr. Pringle was not a rugged man, and his death is supposed to have resulted from a slight sunstroke, contracted some few weeks ago. He leaves a widow and one grown-up daughter. The funeral will take place to the Napanee Cemetery on Friday.

[We were shocked to see the above item in The Toronto Daily Globe. The late Mr. Allen Pringle was undoubtedly an able writer. As a beekeeper he assisted materially in putting beekeeping before the public in its proper light. Mr. Pringle has held a number of prominent positions in the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, and will be missed by the Association.—Ed.]

The Production of Wax.

In the *Bonnmischen Brennenwater*, Julius Stergel commits himself to the following views: "All bees cannot produce wax, they cannot build. The bees require in the production of 1 keg of wax not 14 kegs of honey, not even 10, but no honey at all. The effects are quite the same if we allow

the bees to build their comb or not." He condemns the much use of comb foundation as a useless waste.

That the first portion of his statement is false will be apparent to almost everyone, while the second statement, the proportion of honey required to produce wax, is not quite so universally accepted. It is a difficult matter to produce any evidence to disprove the proposition of honey required to produce wax. Knowledge and practice has long demonstrated that the proportion 14, or 10 to 1, is too high, and we all know by experience that a swarm which builds for itself, provided it is cast at the right time, does not fall much behind in respect to storing. But we know just as well that there are times when the bees find it difficult to produce the necessary amount of wax; that in very many instances we can keep down drone comb building only by the use of comb foundation; that a frame with somewhat thick honey, if the comb has no base made of comb foundation, it can scarcely be extracted; that without the assistance of comb foundation, we can rarely get a nice even build of comb. If for no other reasons than the four given above, we would make use of comb foundation which we consider a cheap investment. We make it ourselves, and because in thus utilizing wax we consider that the capital brings us good interest.—Translated from Munchener Bienen Zeitung

The Canadian "Pure Honey Bill."

As this Bill as finally passed is somewhat different from the one we published on page 104, we give it again, so that all can see just what Canadians bee-keepers now have in their statute books to help them in keeping down the adulteration of honey. An Act to further amend the Act respecting the Adulteration of Food, Drugs, and Agricultural Fertilizers.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Adulteration Act, chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by adding the following section thereto immediately after section 21:

"21A. The feeding to bees of sugar, glucose, or any other sweet substance other than such as bees gather from natural sources, with the intent that such substance shall be used by bees in the making of honey, or the exposing of any such substance with the said intent shall be