

Like the writer of this article we can only surmise. The only paper devoted to bees in Canada that we know of is our own CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. But possibly there may be some other. From some words dropped at the Convention referred to we are led to believe that you are right in your conclusion that the Rev. W. F. Clarke is the correspondent referred to, and we also call upon him to furnish us with the desired information. Possibly this "Paper" may be the same one referred to in the clubbing list of the *American Bee Journal*. We have written the publishers of the *A. B. J.*, to know where said paper is published.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

THE BEE-KEEPERS' ORGAN.

SIR,—At the close of an interesting and instructive Convention held in Toronto five years ago the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association was organized. The names of about thirty bee-keepers were then and there enrolled as members. You, Mr. Editor, were elected its first President, and your humble servant its first Secretary-Treasurer. Soon the membership was increased by over 100. Many of those who joined after the meeting had not been present at the convention. It was felt that those who subsequently joined were entitled to something more than a mere membership netted as a *quid pro quo* for the fee they paid, accordingly and with the consent of the Executive Committee, I entered into negotiations with the proprietor of the *Canadian Farmer* which resulted in his paper, with one page devoted to bee-literature, being sent to each member for the last half of that year free of charge. This arrangement was renewed each year until the paper passed into the hands of Mr. C. Blackett Robinson who carried out our contract with his predecessor, and furnished the *Rural Canadian* up till the last annual meeting. It appears that no decision was arrived at during the last meeting as to whether this or any other paper should continue to be sent. It appears also that a committee was appointed to attend to this matter, but from the letter of Mr. Pettitt in the last issue of the JOURNAL we learn that nothing definite has been arrived at. He thinks, justly enough, that if the Association is to have an organ at all, that organ should be the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and

he wants to know what you have to say in the matter, and you in turn want to know what some others, including myself, have to say on the subject.

Well, I think just as I thought five years ago, that if the membership is to be kept up something more substantial than the honor of being enrolled must be offered. It is probable that most if not all the late members are subscribers to your JOURNAL and a duplicate number would be of little use to them. Here then is my proposition. Let the committee arrange with yourself or some other supply dealer to furnish each member with some article useful in the apiary, the regular price of which is one dollar, or let them arrange with some one to mail each member a good fertilized Italian queen sometime next June. Dollar queens are staple articles now-a-days and they are often as good as those that cost a higher price. I apprehend that queen-breeders can be found who will send out 100 good queens next June for a \$50 bank bill and consider themselves well paid for their trouble. Now I have "said my say" and await the opinions of others.

R. MCKNIGHT.

Owen Sound, Ont., Oct. 8th, 1885.

Now, Friend McKnight has spoken; let us hear from the rest of those on whom we called and from any others as well who are interested as all should be, in the success of our Association. If anyone should know what is required for success that one is Friend McK.; he was one of the first officers and has continued in office in one position or another ever since. Our worthy President, Mr. Pettitt, has, we believe, already nominated the committee to decide on the matter, and if those who have suggestions to put forward will do so now the committee may be able the better to decide.

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NOTICE TO BEE-KEEPERS.

I INTEND, if encouraged by you, to make arrangements with railways for reduced rates to Detroit at time of approaching North American Bee-Keepers' Association. Will every bee-keeper who purposes attending said Convention kindly drop me a card stating your station and railroad, and how long you would like to stop in the city. You see, when I approach the railway authorities I must have