

comb foundation was being carried on. We were then obliged to cut our pleasant visit short in order to catch the evening train as the driver had proposed taking us back to the station by a different route to show some fine scenery that intervened. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Neighbor our visit was made very comfortable.

THE APIARY OF MR. D. A. THOMAS.

Hearing that a Mr. Thomas of Sevenoaks (about 40 miles south of London) had about 300 colonies of bees and that he was one of the most progressive and enthusiastic bee-keepers in the country we arranged to pay him a visit. Taking the train at Charing Cross we were joined at the next station by Mr. Thomas and our pleasant bee chat made the time pass so quickly that we fancied the distance much shorter. The country along the route was very picturesque and Mr. T's. description of the different places we passed made it all the more interesting. At Sevenoaks we found his carriage awaiting us, and a drive of four miles brought us to the apiary. The grounds or park make an excellent place for a bee farm. Mr. T. is what we would term a live, progressive bee-keeper, and no one need be surprised if he marches to the front in apiculture in Europe more rapidly than many that commenced earlier in the business. He is quite alive to all improvements and hastens to take advantage of every new invention which promises to be of value. Possessed, as he is, with an unlimited amount of energy, combined with wealth, he is able to carry out any plan that he may desire. He has already established several apiaries around him at convenient distances, as one location would be overstocked with the large number of colonies that he proposes keeping. He informed us that he had taken very large yields of honey. After examining his apiaries and talking matters over with him we were more than ever convinced that he has a future before him in apiculture. We passed from his bee-yard to his work shop where we found samples of many of the latest inventions. In passing through the various rooms devoted to supplies, wax, honey, etc., we were pleased to note that he had provided himself with ample storage room, at least, as he has "a place for everything

and everything in its place." A visit to Mr. Thomas' apiary will repay any bee-keeper and do not forget to ask to see his little daughter. She is one of the brightest children it was our pleasure to see in England—one that any parent might feel proud of.

THE BEE-KEEPERS' LAW SUIT.

WE are indeed sorry to have to say that the case, McIntosh vs Harrison has been decided adversely to the interests of bee-keepers. Since the case was commenced Mr. Harrison's bees have nearly all been swept away by fire and therefore the object sought to be gained has formed only a precedent, as there are now no bees to be removed by the injunction granted. What effect this will have on the interests of bee-keepers in towns and villages we cannot say. If there is any possibility of carrying the case to a higher court it should be done, if not, the less said about the matter in the public prints the better.

With reference to the resolution which was passed by the O.B.K.A. stating as the reason for taking no active measures that Mr. Harrison was not nor ever was a member of the Association, Mr. Harrison writes as follows:

Port Elgin, Jan. 24th, 1887.

"In reading the JOURNAL of Jan. 19th, I notice that it says that the reason the Association refuse to take any active measure in the case of McIntosh vs Harrison is that Harrison is not nor ever was a member of the Bee-Keepers' Association, which I beg to say is incorrect. I joined the Association in Toronto and paid my fee to Mr. Spence the year that Mr. Langstroth visited the exhibition, and the reason I did not continue to be a member was on account of being so far away that I could not attend the meetings but always felt a strong desire to do so. If you will kindly correct the mis-statement you will much oblige."

He also asks us if we know of any one wanting bees cheap to direct them to him as he must have money to pay the costs.

Mr. Chalmers who refers to this case asks as to Mr. Harrison's ability to properly handle bees, on this point we give the evidence of one of his neighbors.

Port Elgin, Jan. 28th, 1887.

On page 806 of the last issue Mr. D. Chalmers.