

any business enterprise. Mr. Hodgetts was right. But is this the proper status of an association of independent self-respecting men? Would it not be better that the association controlled its finances itself, and not lean too much on the government for its support? The government has a certain well defined field of operation in apiculture as well as in the other branches of agriculture, and in this we believe it has done its full duty. But an association of bee-keepers should pay its own way and preserve the independence of its members.

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Each member of the O.B.K.A. receives the C. B. J. as a premium for his membership. This we believe has been a long-standing arrangement. The membership is now 321, according to the Directors' last report. This constitutes but a small portion of our subscription list. While the arrangement is perfectly satisfactory to us, it must not be construed by anyone with a little authority that it in anyway compromises our absolute independence. It is well that this should be distinctly understood. We believe that good work for the bee-keepers of Ontario—and for Canada, too—can be done by this association—but it must be kept healthy and independent.

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That our Co-operative campaign is taking hold, the following letter gives strong evidence. Great things may be accomplished in the future if we but take hold with confidence and determination:

Montreal, Dec. 29, '11.

I notice in November copy of Canadian Bee Journal that you are thinking of organizing a Co-operative Company for the benefit of bee-keepers. I think this would be a splendid thing, and would be pleased to act as your agent for such a company in Montreal. I think I could sell considerable honey here as I would run a honey and fruit store, and supply the grocers, etc. I

would be able to place considerable stock also, as I am well known here, and I intend going into the bee business for myself in the immediate future. Kindly mention my name to the board and you might also say that in the event of my getting the agency I would take stock in the company myself. I am yours truly, B.

The above letter is a private one, therefore, we are not at liberty to give the writer's name at present.

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Among the numerous specialized industries which are taking root and which promise a large measure of success on many of the irrigation projects of the Reclamation Service is the production of honey.

During a recent trip covering nearly all of the reclamation projects, the Statistician of the Reclamation Service at Washington, D.C., made an investigation of this industry. On a large number of the projects the apiaries were only just being established. Those which had been in operation a year or more almost without exception reported an abundance of food for bees, favorable climatic conditions, and a very fine grade of honey for which there was a good demand. The white sage honey was an especial favorite on the coast.

As the cultivated acreage increases on the projects, adding large areas of alfalfa and clover, orchards and small fruits, the food supply will take care of more bees. The development of agriculture of course promotes the growth of towns and villages, and creates a home market. In most sections the supply has not kept up with the demand. By co-operation among apiarists to produce best grades and to create new markets through intelligent advertising, bee culture will become one of the most profitable industries in the desert country. As everything in the arid country is tending to specialization, the bee-men must get to-

gether on a plan of operation along the high standard of the Reclamation Service to ensure the production of only first-class honey.

There is a wide field for the West, and near the Government, which are worthy

J. E. Hand's efforts to be envied. He has developed a system of "honeying" a system of play." "We have principles," he says, "controlled with the expert engineer and with an economic operation. Results situated an almost engineering and brushing hives and brood chambers etc., are now obtained state of perfection." "The only now think of in coming is, 'what are the natural subjects going to write about?' " Op characteristic of and it is very pl spirit in which the he has discovered his idea freely with personal benefit to our hat to you, M

The executive of alive to the importance of Co-operation. We the recent convention the stenographer'sings. We notice speeches were delivered and regarding the interest to bee-keepers re-printed them in