

Friend Corneil should be the first to prove the voiding of dry faeces in the hive. We trust this matter will soon be settled to the satisfaction of all by C. C. and Co.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

DUTY ON BEESWAX AND OTHER MATTERS

SEE by the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, of April 29th, that the worthy Secretary of the Listowel Bee-Keepers' Association is becoming unduly excited over the removal of the duty on beeswax. I am at a loss to see why this duty should be removed. It is no doubt that for a short time beginners in bee-keeping will be benefited by it, but it will be to the loss of those who may have all the foundation they require and therefore expect in the near future to have wax to sell. If the duty is taken off it will not be long before those, (if they continue in bee-keeping), who are now so anxious to have it, will wish that the duty had been allowed to remain. Take all those who keep bees in box hives, they will no doubt be the losers by it. If all the wax that is used in Canada was imported, it would be quite different, but as it is, we require protection in this as well as any other article produced in this country. I protest against the removal of this protection. Between 1884-'85 I will have used over 500 lbs. of wax on all of which I have paid 20 per cent. duty. To remove the duty now would not be justice to me, and who can say how many bee-keepers there are in Canada who have a stock of combs and who expect to sell all the wax they can produce. There is good reason for allowing the duty to remain as it is, because there is no small amount of wax that is used for other purposes than making foundation. Every bee-keeper who advocates the removal of the duty should remember that every pound of wax he has to sell will probably be worth just 20 per cent. less. I say it will eventually be to the loss of those at present engaged in beekeeping and who look for returns from the sale of wax as well as honey. I would very much like to hear from other beekeepers who are opposed to the removal of this duty on beeswax.

While I am writing I will also take exception to Mr. Chas. Mitchell's article which appeared sometime since in the Beeton WORLD, concerning the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL which was then in prospectus. In the interests of the beekeepers of Canada, I think it is very fortunate that its editor is in the supply business, as I maintain that they are benefited by this. *Gleanings* is a good example of this. I say that *Gleanings* is worth more

than any other journal to-day to any American beekeeper, if for no other reason than such articles as are useful to beekeepers are continually being brought to their notice. It is all nonsense about a bee journal being better apart from a supply business. Its editor is thereby enabled to give better value for the price. In answer to the question of A. I. Root, when in a short editorial giving the reduction in glass, he says: "Now it seems to me, friends, it is a pretty good idea to have a journal that is able to tell you twice a month all about the decline in price of such things as keepers are obliged to buy, more or less. Don't you think so?" I reply, most decidedly. To persons living in Canada there is not so much advantage, but I have often thought that the beekeepers of the United States should be very grateful to A. I. Root, for what he has done and is doing in this way. I might say that every article I have purchased from him has been well worth the price charged. Of course having to pay a heavy duty on some lines, is against us. Now I look upon the C. B. J. as I look upon *Gleanings*, that your position enables you to take the same place in Canada that A. I. Root does in the States, and I am indeed grateful that you have undertaken its publication. I have another protest to make and it is that the editor of the *American Bee Journal* should presume to insist upon changing the name of your journal. It seems to me unreasonable to ask it. I cannot understand how any mistake is likely to occur. I was glad to notice in a late number of the A. B. J. that the editor remarks, "We have none but the kindest feelings for the new paper." But for this I am quite sure that many of his Canadian subscribers would begin to think otherwise. I am more than pleased with the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and sincerely hope that you will be largely repaid for this extra burden.

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We believe, Friend D., that all successful bee journals at the present time are either directly or indirectly interested in the supply business. Those who are not we presume soon will be, and we think all will admit that any person who produces a good 16 page weekly journal, at \$1 per year, will never become a millionaire from that source. We will endeavour to be impartial in respect to supplies, so that all parties may receive justice. There is no doubt that the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will be of great service in enabling its patrons to know