

majority of cases, would be the best plan for both producers and consumers. I may be wrongly informed, but I think a number of our most successful honey producers in southwestern Ontario—men such as Dickinson, McEvoy, Sibbald and many others—have already disposed of some very large crops of honey to advantage without the aid of middlemen or coöperative associations. For my own part, I only wish I could produce all the honey I could dispose of to the consumers, and I think, if the voice of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association was heard, that I am not alone in the wish I have just made.

So, Mr. Editor, if you cannot read my scribbling, you have a wastebasket; and if you can read it, and think it of no use to put such an article in the columns of the C.B.J., I would say again, you have a wastebasket, that can perhaps hold it until you have a chance to consign it to the flames.

W. J. BROWN.

L'Original, Ont., May 30.

#### THAT NORFOLK RESOLUTION

In your March number I notice what purports to be an account of a bee-keepers' meeting in the County of Norfolk, and I am somewhat mystified by a curious resolution in reference to foul brood and apiary inspectors, said to have been passed at that meeting. I would really like to see the man who moved the resolution, and also the resolution itself. It certainly is a curiosity, and should occupy a prominent place in a museum. A resolution that "we would earnestly solicit" the Minister of Agriculture to so manipulate an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario as to deprive all Eastern Ontario of any benefit arising from the provisions of that Act! Surely the Hon. Minister of Agriculture must have been amused at such a lofty (?) proposition, and his thoughts in reference to the same

will probably not find expression in words to the public.

May it not be possible, Mr. Editor, that this resolution was passed in a great hurry, without proper thought, and under a peculiar, selfish impulse of the moment, and that the mover and seconder are sorry, very sorry, for it even now?

I am loath to think that there are men in the ranks of bee-keepers who on serious second consideration would entertain such a narrow, selfish proposition for one moment.

The disease (foul brood) may not be so prevalent with us as it is in the County of Norfolk, but it is a well-known fact that bee-keepers in these eastern counties have suffered in years past, and we in Eastern Ontario will look with confidence to the Department of which the Hon. Nelson Monteith is head for a modicum of the protection afforded by apiary inspectors, to the end that the spread of foul brood among our bees be as far as possible averted.

J. C. STUART.

Dalmeny, May 1st.

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