

anything of the kind in any way. That makes three.

"But takes refuge in the assumption that in having done that which he was not authorized to do."

I must also deny the truthfulness of this statement. It evidently has found its origin in his productive imagination. Not in a single instance, to my knowledge, have I ever since occupying the presidential chair, disregarded the expressed wish of the board or of the executive committee. That makes four.

Mr. McKnight inquires "what greater back-down from a positive position could any man make?"

Now, I fail to see any "back-down." I simply wished to state in a general way what the Government expects of associations in general in spending their grants.

Well, if Mr. McKnight wishes me to bag a bigger backer-down than he imagines he has caught, just come with me and see if I don't catch him one. On page 131, C. B. J. Mr. McKnight says: "I have not 'urged' so because of any opposition on my part to see it so applied. I have simply expressed my opinion that such an application of it would be illegal and that the illegal use of a public grant is only calculated to bring under censure, and into contempt those who use it."

Now please notice how tenaciously Mr. McKnight clings to the law, and insists that we may lose the grant by expending it contrary to law.

On page 172 he says: "I presume there is no written law to prevent it being so used."

New light, you see and consequently the back-down process begins.

Now, on the same page, near the bottom of the next column, Mr. McKnight writes: "Yes, I know the prospects of the English market better than Mr. Pettit knows them, and it is because I know them so well that I am reluctant to see his wild-goose scheme carried into effect and the funds of the Association lost to it." Now has not Mr. McKnight backed all the way down from his exalted contention for the dignity of the law to something altogether and entirely different, and now objects simply because *he fears the loss of the grant* on my "wild-goose scheme." Well, well! Really!

Talk about backing down, why, I am nowhere in comparison. Judge ye who read:

Dear Mr. McKnight, I am so sorry to spoil your esteemed epistle, but then it is your own fault, and no blame of mine.

There are other prints that should be cor-

rected, but we are all busy now, and correcting these reckless statements make me tired.

Doubtless you could give us a great deal of useful information about the British market. Why in the world then don't you do so?

S. T. PETTIT,

Belmont, May 31st, 1887.

Perhaps we should have explained as a foot note to Mr. McKnight's article, where he says: "The board decided that it was not competent for them to expend it as Mr. Pettit desired to see it expended." The board did not in so many words decide it one way or the other, in fact the meeting was rather out of order inasmuch as it is customary at such meetings to speak to a resolution, and there was no resolution before the meeting. Perhaps Mr. McKnight supposed that the meeting was carried on in the regular way and that it was necessary first to have a resolution of some kind, and took it for granted that the effect of the resolution was, as he has stated, and that the board opposed any such method of using the grant. The subject was discussed as to whether the Association should undertake the marketing of the honey of its members, and it was decided, even though there was no resolution put to the meeting, that the board should take any such action, and when Mr. Corneil stated that he felt satisfied that the Association could not become a trading body the subject was dropped with a tacit understanding that nothing be done in the matter, and of course it followed that the grant should not be used, so that Mr. McKnight was wrong in the "letter" but was right in the "spirit." One of the members of the board spent a day with us this week, and in conversation on the subject this also was the view taken by him. It seems to us that this matter has been ventilated sufficiently and as the disposal of the grant is practically settled by the letter of the Hon. A. M. Ross in the last issue of the BEE JOURNAL, we decide that the controversy shall cease. We have endeavored to give both sides a fair hearing with no desire to see anything but right prevail.

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