

filled with honey have a peculiarly glossy appearance and we are perfectly safe to extract.

We have been through the press severely censured for our editorial in the May number of THE CANADIAN HONEY PRODUCER, pages 51 and 52, and are charged with making "slipshod, untrue and invidious statements." We would here say that in regard to the Colonial Exhibition management we have nothing to withdraw, and are prepared at the proper time to prove all statements made in reference to the matter. We do not stand alone when we advance the opinion that our annual grant may justly be expended in assisting to open out a foreign market and thus relieve bee-keepers of Ontario of their product and give a new impetus to bee-keeping in Ontario. We would suggest, however, that the one who has taken upon himself to speak of our action in language so strong that it condemns himself should write to the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture and ask if it would be wise to expend the grant to enable "a few to secure big prices for their product." Such a communication would perhaps have the effect of securing a reply to the satisfaction of the enquirer however much it might be the means of causing bee-keepers at large to suffer. This paper is not conducted in name only but in spirit in the interests of the bee-keeper, and this question of "British Markets," and how shall they be opened is one too momentous to permit us to take it up in anything but one free from all personal feelings. And for the same reason we cannot permit ourselves to remain silent upon a question of such deep importance.

North Middlesex Bee-keepers' Association.

The following is one of the papers read at the annual meeting of the North Middlesex Bee-keepers' Association, held in Parkhill on March 21st, 1887:—

Why Canadian honey should be more liberally used, by Mr. F. Atkinson.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,— In introducing the subject to you why Canada's best honey should be more liberally used. First its pure fine flavor and its great properties for healthiness commends honey for a first place on every working man's table, rich or poor, in this fair Dominion of ours. I am speaking of the best grades of honey, and at the present low price I consider that honey is the cheapest, sweetest and healthiest article of food that can be produced on our lands, and what is wealth compared with health. They are the two leading desires of the human race, and now as we are to have a continuance of the Protective Policy, it behoves every true Canadian to assist an industry that is providing a pure article of food, from the fields or flowers of our own country, and enables Ontario bee fruits to be a lasting commodity in every poor working man's cabin in every land. It has no equal; it has been proven so at London too. We should be found to beat the rose, shamrock, thistle on their own ground, and as for Mr. Yankee, he is no where. Canada's honey is the standard of the world's market, and that is no small feather in the Ontario bee-keepers' hat I can assure you. And now Mr. Chairman, I want to see North Middlesex bee-keepers' honey distributed to every county by the members of this association.

Which is the most profitable comb or extracted honey? by W. Coleman, Devizes, Ont.

To come to any definite conclusion as to which is the most profitable comb or extracted honey, it would require a number of years to prove. Two or three colonies against two or three would be no test, nothing less than a whole apiary, one half run for comb and the other half for extracted, equally strong in bees. I will give you what I know about it, as far as my experience goes. Since I began keeping bees I have raised both comb and extracted, and I find to raise a good quality of extracted honey I can't get much more than I can of comb. Some say they can get twice as much of extracted as of comb. They might if extracted before sealed, but such honey is much inferior to what is extracted after being sealed, and if we don't try to raise a first class quality of extracted honey we need never expect to build up a