in trusted positions, will realize how powerless we were to prevent what has happened. Fortunately, such an experience is rare. We are glad we are through with this unpleasant affair.

JAS. J. HETHERINGTON.

NOTE THE NO. ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL

Mr. Bradley, of Marathon, writes us in reference to our address label. He thinks we ought to show thereon the month in which the subscription expires. This we do, not by the name of the month, but by a number, which we think is better. The January issue of this year is No. 375. All subscriptions paid to the end of this year would be paid to No. 386. It is an easy matter to count twelve forward or backward to see where you stand. When you send a renewal note the No. on your next address label. If the No. has been moved forward by twelve, it is a clear evidence that your remittance has been received and properly attended to. Some of our readers send us $1.50 for a two-year renewal; in this case the No. moves forward twenty-four. A little attention to the No. of the issue and the No. on your address label will always show you where you stand. We trust that all our readers will do this just now and write us at once, so that we may get our books and mailing list thoroughly revised.—Ed.

BEE-KEEPING AND PUBLIC ATTENTION

(Farmer's Advocate.)

I have just been reading your editorial in the Farmer's Advocate on "What the Dairy Census Discloses." You suggest increasing the cash income by growing apples, small fruits, turnips, beans, sugar beets, superior seed grain, and the like. What about honey? I am not complaining; there would be no advantage in doing that; I am just asking the question that comes to me so often: "How is it that bee-keeping is looked upon either as a joke, or something not to be considered?" I know

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aspect than every other agricultural journalist who is not a bee-keeper, but why? Bees pay larger profits than any other branch of farming; they are not a new thing, like sugar beet growing, or growing of small fruits in some parts of Ontario. Why are they not recognized?

At the joint meeting of agricultural societies in the Convocation Hall during the Fruit, Flower and Honey Show, one of the leading speakers mentioned a list of the societies represented, and omitted the bee-keepers, although the latter were present in large number. (Can any one tell why the bee-keepers are persistently forgotten or snubbed at?

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Note.—In reply to this very natural inquiry, permit us to quote the concluding paragraph of an article by an experienced bee-keeper, R. F. Holtermann, published in a recent issue of the Farmer's Advocate: "Bee-keeping is not a business for a farmer to have to look after with one hundred or more acres of land. Those who are invited to engage in the business should have its advantages and disadvantages put before them fairly. There are good seasons, very profitable seasons, but some of us who have been in the business over thirty years—yes, and a much shorter time—testify that there are unprofitable seasons—seasons when not enough is got out of bee-keeping to make even a bare living."

In stating that bee-keeping is not a business for a farmer to have to look after with one hundred acres of land, Mr. Holtermann took more sweeping ground than we have ever done. It seems to be possible for a man who likes the business, and is willing to study carefully, to pursue it profitably as a side-line on a hundred-acre farm, but we are compelled to admit that the tendency of the apiary industry of late years in Canada has been to concentrate into the hands of specialists, who are prepared to meet its demands. And, considering the fact that all our readers will do this opinion that this is a fortunate development. We cannot, therefore, advise the general run of farmers to go into it, although for the right person it is a very profitable and interesting branch of agriculture.

As to the inquiry why bee-keepers as a class are disregarded by a certain section of the community, we can speak only for ourselves. We respect them thoroughly. The editor of this paper, though not a bee-keeper, has been associated with the business in times past, and not only regards it as a worthy industry, but long ago learned to esteem bee-keepers as an unusually intelligent, studious class of men. We presume the comparatively small number of bee-keepers in Canada accounts largely for the fact that they are not more prominently in the public eye.—Editor Farmer's Advocate.

The above discussion is interesting. We fear, however, that the Advocate takes Mr. Holtermann too seriously. It is good to tell men the dangers to be encountered when entering any business. Mr. J. W. Clark did this in his address on poultry keeping at the last