

### SWARMS RETURNING TO THE WRONG HIVES

Some time ago I stated in JOURNAL that on urgent occasions when not many swarms were expected I could leave my little girl in charge, and, by having the queens clipped, when a swarm would issue she could cage the queen (as explained in preceding paragraph) and simply place the cage on the alighting board of the old hive whence the swarm issued. A correspondent in last issue cannot understand how that would work, as in his experience if he were not on hand to prevent them the bees would often return to other hives as the full hives, he says, "appear to attract them more than the empty hive on the old stand." But our friend must remember that under the circumstances I mentioned there would be no empty hive on the old stand but the old, full hive, to which I never knew them to fail to return. True, when I am present myself to attend to them there is always a new hive placed on the old stand to catch them on their return, and it sometimes happens, as our friend says, that the bees will attempt to enter some full colony, but with sheet and smoker that proceeding on their part is promptly stopped.

### MR. COWAN'S VISIT.

I was greatly pleased to learn from JOURNAL that a trans-atlantic apiarist so distinguished in our favorite pursuit as Mr. Cowan undoubtedly is, was about to visit us and our country. My pleasure was still further enhanced on seeing the JOURNAL's handsome greeting in publishing Mr. Cowan's portrait and sketch in advance. This is as it should be. Let us give our brother apiarist from across the water a hearty and hospitable reception. As soon as I found Mr. Cowan intended coming over from N. Y. to Quebec and Montreal, thence proceeding west through this Province, I wrote him without delay asking him to be sure if possible and make me a visit on his way up. Not having any special address except his New York address I wrote him both at Quebec and Montreal and also at the N. Y. address, thus hoping to reach him for sure.

ALLEN PRINGLE.

Selby, Aug. 9th, '87.

We regret exceedingly to learn of Mr. Pringle's illness and we are glad that his machinery is being well oiled up and being put into running shape as soon as possible. We are also pleased to be able to state that in a letter received from Mr. Cowan a few days ago he intimates his intention of paying Friend Pringle a visit. We are anxious that he should meet as many as possible of

the leading bee-keepers of Canada and we know that he will enjoy his visit with Mr. Pringle. After sojourning with Mr. Pringle for a time he will then proceed to Toronto, thence to Mr. McKnight's at Owen Sound. From there we believe that Beeton is his next destination. While here we shall, if possible, arrange to have him return to Toronto for the Dominion and Industrial exhibition so that we can show him what Canada can do at home as well as abroad in the way of an exhibit.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

### THE EXPOSER EXPOSED.

"Said the sparrow tis false, both I and my wife  
Are more honest than ever you were in your life."

WAS reminded of the above from the old nursery rhyme on reading the comments of the Canadian Honey Producer on Mr. Corneil's letter. In this we have the promised exposure of the maladministration of the Colonial Exhibition business from which it would appear that "a majority of the commissioners have no sense of honor, no regard for the truth, are dishonest and unfair." On laying aside the Producer I picked up *Gleanings* and in the first paragraph that met my eye there Mr. Root says: "The man who lies will also steal sooner or later." The Producer says the "majority of the commissioners" are guilty of the first sin and insinuates that Mr. Corneil's acceptance of \$100 for his services as Secretary-Treasurer is but a slight removal from the latter crime. In this connection the Producer says: "The understanding was that these commissioners should devote their time free of charge," and asks: "Did Mr. Corneil, in the face of this, propose the appropriation to himself of \$100 for his services, and did he so appropriate the \$100?"

A more contemptible slander upon the character of an honorable man could not well be published. Whether Mr. Corneil will notice this base insinuation, I know not, but it is well that your readers should know the truth, and the truth is that Mr. Corneil did not "so appropriate \$100." Mr. Corneil was appointed Secretary-Treasurer at a meeting of the exhibition committee held in Toronto, before the delegates left for England. The remuneration he should get for his services in this capacity was there talked over; \$100 was mentioned without a motion being made on the subject. Pursuant to this understanding a majority of the commissioners, then in London, voted Mr. Corneil \$100, and right faithfully did he earn it, apart from his ordinary duties as a delegate. This is the only