

serious one, to be borne of course by such for the honor (?) of being a member of that committee. Some time after this I received a letter from one of our members who had been at work in this matter stating that the M. P. at Ottawa, representing his constituency, was willing to give his aid in the matter, and that the tariff revision was then going on, and mildly suggesting that it might be in the interest of *some one* for the President to go to Ottawa and have the duty taken off wax, and put on foundation. As it would have taken some of the funds out of my own slender purse to have done this and if I could have applied to the Treasurer to recoup me, it no doubt would have rendered bankrupt the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, I concluded to stay at home more especially as I never heartily approved of the tariff tinkering business at present going on. It is just possible that if Mr. Brown ever becomes an extensive bee-keeper he may see the day when he will have beeswax to sell and have reason to be thankful that that duty was neglected by this committee, or again he may see fit to be dissatisfied with the foundation manufactured even by progressive Canadians and may think that his bees might relish a little Yankee comb foundation as a change of diet. In that event he, I have no doubt, will be thankful for the appointment of this "tardy" committee, which has left him free, "to buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest market." In conclusion I would just request any who feel inclined to sting this committee into activity to read the concluding sentences of the Editor's remarks on Mr. Brown's letter and "read, mark, and inwardly digest" them."

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We may say that we looked into this matter pretty fully ourselves and find that there are many who object to the duty being removed from wax, and as the great mortality will obviate the necessity of importing much wax this year, we shall have plenty of time to discuss it before another season. We may say the Dr., as President of our Association did his duty in connection with the matter. We think there will be no difficulty in getting all the foundation and wax needed this year without importing any.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

SPRING FEEDING.

I AM pleased to receive a sample copy of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. I think it is as bright, readable, and well edited as any bee paper in existence, and is just what the people of Canada have been looking for during the last few years in which beekeeping has become so popular. There is a question I would like you to answer in your next issue if there is room. I have my bees in a clamp and not knowing how they are off for stores I would like know the best method of feeding them as I think feeding them in the spring would do them a certain amount of good, even if they have lots of stores, as it would start them breeding. Would you advise me to unpack them and feed at the entrance by tipping the hive back a little? I put away five colonies in the fall and they were about five months without a flight, but to-day they appear in first class condition. I need hardly remark that in my estimation the Jones' hive is the best extant for wintering. I know a man in this neighborhood who uses the shallow frame, and he lost every colony he had. I again wish you every success in your enterprise.

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The best way to feed your bees in the clamp is to lift out a comb or two from each hive, hold it in a slanting position over a dish and pour them full of sugar syrup, after which set them back in the hives where the bees can get at them. If the bees have plenty of honey this need not be done; just uncap the honey and cut the cells down to about the same thickness as the sealed brood below the honey. They may then be placed closer together leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch between the combs. The uncapping of the honey will stimulate them to brood rearing. A little food can be given them at any time that the stores become scarce in the hive. We do not like to tip the hive back and feed through the entrance as we think it is liable to incite robbing, but you might, if your hives are water tight, lower the back a little and pour some food on the bottom board, but putting the combs containing stores behind the division