

great attractions of my feeder. Furthermore, if you want to move the hive you are feeding, pick up the hive and walk along. The feeder will go, too, as they two are one for the time being. Another point—the Alexander only holds about a quart, while mine holds about a gallon.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think Rev. Mr. Charbonneau has a splendid feeder, if his construction is O.K., and I believe for universal use it is away ahead of the Alexander feeder in every respect, with the possible exception of very cool weather, and the majority of bee-keepers consider that a very poor time to feed bees.

You say the Alexander allows you to feed without opening the hive. That is a fine feature, and one of the most attractive in connection with my feeder; in fact, my feeder can be applied, removed or filled in ten seconds. Wishing you success with the Journal, and hoping that our bees will be well fed at all times, whether we use the Charbonneau, Alexander, Miller, Laing or some other feeder, I remain, fraternally yours,

A. LAING.

[My dear Mr. Laing, you are entirely in error in your assumptions. Unfortunately, we were unable to visit the Toronto Fair last season, and knew nothing about your feeder. We were entirely unaware that your toes projected into our vicinity. Certainly had we known them to be there we would have stepped more lightly. We gave Mr. Charbonneau the best advice we could at the moment. We recommended the Alexander feeder because we knew absolutely nothing about yours. We thank you very much for having "got up and said," etc., but let us say here that if all our friends had waited till we stepped on their toes before addressing us, the C.B.J. would have been a slim affair. Further, you say that if we had not stepped on the aforesaid toes you would perhaps have continued to keep

mum. Well! That is hardly "helping us to make it a success." However, we will say that we are somewhat glad that we have stepped on those invisible toes, as it has induced you to give us a real good talk on feeders. We hope that your feeder will prove a success, as we believe it will. If you will kindly intimate to us when those toes of yours will again protrude into our vicinity, we will take the trouble to jump on them next time, if it will produce like results.—Ed.]

### THE CO-OPERATIVE SALE OF HONEY

With your permission I wish to refer to an article in the Farmer's Advocate of March 5th, by Mr. Chrysler. In this he refers to mine in the Farmer's Advocate of January 9th. He makes no attempt to disprove what I stated, that the benefits to be derived from coöperation in the sale of apples cannot accrue from coöperation in the sale of honey. As Mr. Chrysler would be the first one to contradict my statements if not true, we must come to the conclusion that the statements were facts. Now Mr. Chrysler, as a leader in the movement, should have known this long ago; and if he did, it has been misleading, to say the least, to always bring in as an argument in favor of his scheme the success that has attended coöperation in the sale of apples.

There is only one thing I stated that he takes exception to, viz., the impossibility of having a satisfactory grading of honey, and asks the question, "Who grades it now?" and "Is coöperation going to make conditions worse?" and, without quoting more than necessary, he says: "Now Mr. Deadman has bought honey for years from as many parts of the Province as an association would expect to collect its supply from. Mr. Deadman must either grade the honey satisfactorily, or it is done unsatisfactorily. If he is a failure at grading it, he must surely

have that miser calls it, to sell it first place, I must that Mr. Chrysler question at issue planation as the have to get better things, at least. when one handle is no grading to (unripe honey at to sell. Easy, is here the weakness comes in. tion that would honey could never exist. When a h \$25 or more into tion he does it to and just so soon tempt to grade i just so soon will h If it could be sh that his honey wa a very difficult remain with the a his honey—well, I me being so foolish earned money wi hew. I think M asking questions could have been how how he wo grading. As briefl eavor to show tl ave a satisfactor grading of extract mpted once, and ways will be. begin with clover ot to make mati an we can help, and the worst N another lot, nea hich we will call mple is not as go an No. 4; this w Those who are ney know that t