

was brought before the Directors of the Ontario Bee-keeper Association, on the charge of impersonating R. E. Smith, as a Director, and a resolution was passed that the Association do not recognize any Director for District No. nine, being the District represented by R. E. Smith. It appears that Nicholas Smith failed in business some years ago, and he has since been trading under the name of R. E. Smith, his brother, and while R. E. Smith, who is, we are told, a very decent fellow, will get all the blame in this matter, it is possible he may be entirely without knowledge of what has been going on. At least Nicholas Smith is the party who does all the correspondence, who attends all the conventions, and he is the man who visited all the drug stores in a certain western town getting quotations for paraffine. At the time of his expulsion from the O. B. K. A., little or nothing was said of it in the BEE JOURNAL, because of our desire to give the man a chance to regain his lost prestige by square dealing in his future transactions.

It will not be necessary that any more samples of foundation be sent us. Those who have purchased foundation of Smith and have experienced trouble with it, may know the reason why.

The following letters explain themselves.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 18, '90.

The D. A. Jones Co., (Ltd).

Beeton, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Enclosed we hand you copy of a letter (hardly legible) received from R.E. Smith, which explains itself in so far as it contains the truth. Our book-keeper is not here at the moment, but a careful survey of our book fails to disclose such name as Foster, and no such party ever bought the quantity of wax implied in the letter, as we usually remember the larger buyers without reference to books. The trouble is, it takes a second lie to cover the first, and Smith is getting in deeper each time. If he (Smith) has not written you withdrawing his statements concerning our firm, please publish the enclosed letter from him, and oblige,

Yours truly,

ECKERMANN & WILL.

The letter referred to above reads:

Tilbury Centre, Aug. 14, '90.

ECKERMANN & WILL,

Dear Sir,—I beg to differ with you about the wax. I said the first 1,500 lbs. of comb that I sent out half of the wax came from you, and the other half from old box hives. This lot of comb we never heard a word of complaint nor

have we from any wax we got from you. We have bought with J. A. Foster, wax from you, and that what we sent out this year first, is what we had left from wax we got from you. We could not say just how much this was as we did not weigh it, but we had 800 lbs that we got ourselves from combs melted up, and I wish I had bought all the wax from you, then I would not got what I did, but I have bought refined wax from commission houses before and never had any trouble, so if you will read the C. B. J. you will see that we hold your wax was all right, as no trouble from it. If this will not do, write me what you want put in the C. B. J. and I will do so with pleasure, as God knows we did not intend to harm you.

R. E. SMITH.

Is it not strange that Smith will not give the names of those commission houses from whom he bought this so-called wax? Fancy, too, the enormous number of combs which he would require to melt up in order to obtain 800 lbs. of wax. We estimate that it would take 3,500 combs 8x16 inches.

From Chas. Dadant & Son comes the following letter with still more light on the subject, showing that Smith had but very little wax on hand in the spring.

Hamilton, Hancock Co., Ill.,

August 23, '90.

D. A. JONES & Co.

Gents,—We have noticed what has been written in the C. B. J. lately in reference to the adulterated comb foundation sold by R.E. Smith, and in behalf of Eckermann & Will, we will corroborate their statement that they have sold us tons after tons for six or seven years past, and that we have found their goods "straight." Your readers will remember that we inserted a few lines in your journal during the past spring to inform them that R. E. Smith had none of our foundation for sale though he was advertising it, our sole agents in Canada being Messrs. Goold, of Brantford. We were very much astonished at the time to see him advertise foundation at 40c. when we were asking that price at wholesale on this side of the line. We had concluded that he must either have had but a small quantity for sale or that it must have been adulterated, for it was then utterly impossible to advertise foundation at such a price without losing money on it. We will also say that, from the correspondence we had with Mr. Smith, it is evident that he did not have any quantity of beeswax on hand, at the beginning of the season. We are the more incensed at Mr. Smith's conduct, and the more anxious to see him well advertised for his dishonesty, because he tried to pass his adulterated goods as goods from our house, and because he had the cheek afterwards to write to you that they were made of the same kind of material as our make.

Honor to whom honor is due. We thank you heartily for the impartial manner in which you treat every one, and we hope THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will long live to enlighten beekeepers across the line.

Your friends, DADANT & SON.