

The Canadian Bee Journal.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

BELOW we reprint for our readers what Friend Root, editor of *Gleanings*, has to say of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. It is just what we expected would come from a man with a great big heart such as Friend R. has, and we don't believe it will hurt him a bit to give us credit, if there is any due, for anything we have done or may do in the future. We hope that the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will not interfere in any way with *Gleanings*, nor for that matter with any other bee-journal published. There are none too many in the world at the present time, that we know of, because the army of bee-keepers is growing far faster than bee-literature is increasing. Most bee-keepers can afford to take two bee-papers, and we would like *one* of them to be the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

"The initial number is at hand, and it certainly gives great promise of much usefulness. Its motto is, 'The greatest possible good to the greatest possible number.' If friend Jones can keep a weekly bee-journal going, and make each number equal to the one before us, it will, without question, have a wide circulation, even throughout the U. S., and may be some of the brethren may decide to take the C. B. J. instead of *Gleanings*. Dear me! what a calamity that would be! But if it carries out the spirit of friend Jones' little text, I think I can say amen, and not be troubled either."

In our second number we told you that Friend Newman, editor of the *American Bee Journal*, did not think we had any right to call our paper by the name which was chosen for it. We learned it from him by private letter, and when we did so, we thought best to tell our readers *at once* that we did not do it with any thought of harming him or his journal. Here is what he has to say about it in his last issue:—

"The CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, is the title of a new bee-paper published by D. A. Jones & Co.,

Beeton, Ont. Names are plenty enough without taking that of BEE JOURNAL, which for a quarter of a century has been the name of our paper. It is not only *unjust* but *unwise*, for it will cause much confusion among patrons and agents. The Dominion of Canada is a part of America, and as such it is fully included in the cognomen of the *American Bee Journal*. Why not have taken the name of one of the scores of bee papers that have died, instead of appropriating that of the oldest living bee-paper on the American Continent? We have none but the kindest feelings towards the new paper, but its name should be *changed*.

We have only to repeat that we do not desire in any way to clash with the *American Bee Journal*, and that we shall not do so, and we are also determined to work harmoniously with all other bee-periodicals.

MORTALITY AMONG BEES.

REPORTS from many parts of the United States and Canada have come in, giving doleful accounts of losses. In many instances the bees have consumed all their stores and starved, whilst others have died from starvation, although there was plenty of honey in the hives. Dysentery seems to be the principal cause of those dying which did not starve from lack of stores. We have had reports from some having had quite large apiaries who have lost every colony. The general belief was that this was to be a very mild winter, and the necessary precautions to guard against the severity of the last three or four months were neglected. Some fed their bees on syrup made from granulated sugar, and others were on natural stores; both seem to have suffered, but those which were on natural stores to the far greatest extent. It is indeed very discouraging to bee-keepers to lose the greater part of their colonies. It is a dear lesson and we trust it will not be learned in vain. How long before bee-keepers will learn that an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure? In most instances a few dollars of expenditure at the right time would have saved their apiaries. Some are now asking what they will do, when nearly