

it will be the duty of every one who can, to give us any news, that will be of interest to the bee keeping public. It must be remembered in order to make any Journal successful it requires the co-operation of all those who can assist in making the Journal what it should be. It matters not who is editor, it will be impossible for him without assistance, to have it all that can be desired. We trust that in future those who have so many good things will give them to our readers through the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

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Since the New Year we have mailed very polite invitations to some of our subscribers who are in arrears for their Journal. In response to our efforts to collect we have been deluged with postal cards, post-masters notices and papers returned marked "Refused." In some instances an envelope has been carefully wrapped around the Journal and addressed to the Publishers. We unwrap it. We cannot find anything to locate the party returning it. It might just as well have been sent from the moon or the planet Jupiter. Of course every subscriber is at perfect liberty to stop his Bee Journal, and if he writes to the office, enclosing arrearages and requesting his name to be taken from the list, his name is erased with the hope that he may return some day to his first love. Some subscribers have sent the Journal back at the end of the year because their subscription ran out. Our opinion and theirs may differ, but we admire their business like manner. Some have been taking the Bee Journal from the office for years. They have just discovered that "They never ordered it," "Never wanted it," and that they "Never got it." Two with guile almost sublime say, "They didn't know they had to pay for it." Others because we *dared* to dun for an account, send the needful with instructions "To stop the paper," if we have to be continually pushing them for a couple of dollars. The chances are, the Bee Journal will survive the shock and we will continue to publish a Journal that compares favorably with our contemporaries. What we do not know about apiculture we can ascertain for you from unquestionable authorities, and we will ventilate your grievances if you

have any, in its columns, gladly publish anything of interest pertaining to bees, and endeavor to supply you with a column worth reading, worth keeping, and worth binding.

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We found it impossible to be present at the opening of our Annual Convention, but intent on enjoying an apiculture feast, we were there on the 2nd and 3rd days. We were very much disappointed. Three or four parties had made up their mind to have a new bee journal started. There was too much time taken up in discussing it, and the persistency of some in bringing it before the meeting at different sessions deprived us of a great deal of valuable time which might have been spent in discussing apiculture. At the St. Catharines' Convention last year we decided to hold it for three days instead of two, in order that we might have a better opportunity for discussing the finer points in bee-keeping, but unfortunately it seemed as if a few fancied that their hobby, "a new bee journal," should exhaust all the time at the disposal of the Convention, and leave no opportunity for discussions on apiculture, which so many had gone there to hear. We were very sorry, indeed, to see a number who had come there for the sole purpose of learning something in bee-keeping, forced to leave without hearing a single word, and expressing their disgust at such a state of affairs, saying they would never attend a Bee-Keepers' Convention again. We hope they will reconsider their determination before our next Annual Meeting, and all be with us at the Convention to be held at Walkerton, as we bespeak for all who go there a great treat. We hope the good sense of the meetings in the future will not permit two or three to deprive the Convention and the world from reaping the benefits to be derived from the exchange of ideas, and the bringing out of important information regarding our fascinating pursuit. We did succeed in having a very valuable and instructive discussion a short time, Rendering of Wax. Now, if our Conventions are to be of interest to the public generally, some means must be devised by which we will be able to devote more of our time to the discussion of apiculture.

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