

days, I propose to act as though he wishes to reject my offer.

I am taking the necessary steps for procuring "copy" for the first issue under the new regime. Can you help me here? If so, I should be very grateful. I want to get all "copy" into the hands of the printer not later than February 1st, and it would suit me very well if I could receive any article you would be kind enough to send me not later than the 25th inst.

As soon as Mr. Hurley replies to my communication, I will let you know the result.

Editor C. H. J. Yours very sincerely,

Brantford, Ont.

WM. WHITE.

January 7, 1913

Dear Miss Robson:

I have made what I believe to be a good offer to Mr. Hurley for the C.B.J. So far, however, he has not indicated what he intends to do in the matter. I am, however, making the necessary arrangements for issuing the first number under the new regime on the 15th February, and am writing to various bee-keepers for copy. I want half-a-dozen good articles to form the "body" of the paper. May I rely upon receiving one from yourself, please? I want to get all copy into the hands of the printer not later than February 1st, and it would suit me very well if I could receive any copy you would be good enough to send me not later than about the 25th inst. is two dollars.

As soon as Mr. Hurley replies to my communication I will let you know its purport.

Yours very sincerely,

WM. WHITE.

Dear Sir: I herewith enclose \$2.00 for the C.B.J. Mr. Morley Pettit can testify that the C.B.J. has always been at his disposal for whatever use he desired to make of it in reaching the bee-keepers of Ontario. At the close of the last convention we asked the official reporter for a copy of her report, for which we offered to pay, so that we might report the proceedings as usual. We also wrote Mr. Hodgetts to this effect. We got no report and no reply. There are no letters on our file from Mr. Hodgetts since Oct. 24th, and these merely ask us to add certain names to the list. In a letter received from Mr. Byer, dated January 17, he says:

Aside from the matter of the Journal's attitude towards the Association, the information was also given that the publication was likely to discontinue at any time, and naturally the Directors had to take this into consideration as they felt that it would be awkward, to say the least, if, after the subscriptions were all handed in, the Journal was to stop being published. The members of the Executive wished to have the matter settled by the Directors, but every one voted to have the matter laid over, and to have the Secretary (Mr. Hodgetts, I believe) write you and see how

thing. We only hope that he has more faithfully and add that he has served us.

things were likely to go, and then the Executive were to settle the matter as they saw fit.

Another letter from Mr. Byer, dated Mount Joy, Jan. 24th, will be found startling:

Mr. J. J. Hurley, Brantford, Ont. January 7, 1913

Dear Sir: Yesterday the Executive of the O.B.K.A. met in Toronto again, and did not get away from their work till nearly 4 p.m. I was delayed by a matter of business and did not meet with them till late in the day. They had come to certain conclusions before I arrived, and, while you will doubtless hear as to what they were, I dissented from their view most strenuously, but the majority carried their point. At your request, I read your letter to them.

However, my main object in writing you this letter is to say that I inquired about the many letters sent to your firm by Mr. Hodgetts during the last year, and every one were either addressed to "J. J. Hurley," or the "Hurley Printing Co." In view of this fact, you can hardly blame Mr. Hodgetts and others from assuming that your attitude was at the very least antagonistic to the interests of the Association. Of course, we never for a moment suspected that you had never seen these letters, as you state was the case.

At one time last fall I happened to meet one of Mr. Hodgetts' office assistants, who told me that they had over seventy of these complaints on file and could get no satisfaction from the office. This will give you an idea as to conditions as viewed by Mr. Hodgetts and others at that time. Mr. Dadant tells me that he sent clubbing lists and could get no answer, and so I could go on indefinitely in that line.

In conclusion, I wish to assure you that every member of the Executive is anxious that the C.B.J. shall continue to be published and that it may be a success in every way and that none of them has the least desire to put anything in its way to hinder such progress. At the same time, under the circumstances, would you not have done as the members did last fall if you had been in our position?

A very mild winter here, with little snow. Many streams are as clear of ice as in October, and to-day the weather looks more like being milder again. Bees have had no flight, though, as all real mild days have been cloudy here, sitting in the sun. Sincerely yours, J. L. BYER.

We thank Mr. Byer for this information. We have seen no letters from Mr. Hodgetts for months. With what completeness our misguided friend did his work the above will show.

We are sure that all our readers, especially those who are compelled to work through those whom they employ,

Dear Mr. Noland: I have made an offer to Mr. Hurley to publish the Canadian Bee Journal, but, so far, he has not indicated what he intends to do in the matter. If he does not respond to me by the 15th inst., I will consider the matter closed.