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EDITORIAL.

DOTWITHSTANDING the number of students who have been with us in former years there seems still to be a dearth of competent assistants for the bee yard. We have had communications lately asking us to direct the writers to some persons whom they could engage, but at the present moment we do not know of a single one. Would it not be a good idea if there are any such to have a small notice in our exchange and mart column, stating that they were open to accept situations.

On the 17th of May, R. F. Holtermann, of Brantford, was married to a daughter of Mr. S. T. Pettit, of Belmont. The CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL extends its congratulations.

Here we have a report from one who is disgusted with the bee business. In asking us to discontinue the BEE JOURNAL to his address, he says:—

"I am happy to state that I succeeded in finding a bigger fool than myself in the bee business, and I have sold out entirely, and am completely cured. Bee-keeping in eastern Massachusetts, with a view to any profit from the production of honey, is a fallacy and a fraud. It is very amusing to hear the lying that has to be done to keep up the business hereabouts."

Here we have a candid opinion from a man who has "been there" and who has not made bee-keeping a success. There are many others who are in the same box as our friend in Massachusetts.

We do not imagine that all the beekeepers in Massachusetts think as does the writer of the above. It is more than likely that he was not adapted to the bee business, and that even under the most favorable circumstances he could not have made a success of the business.

Here is something taken from the *Farm and Garden*, which so nicely expresses our thoughts that we adopt it to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL:—

"Every letter received at the office of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is carefully read, and if it, or any part of its contents is in reference to any subject of interest to the readers of the paper, it is stamped Editorial Department, and handed to the editor. Nothing pleases us more than to get a letter with a new idea in it, and we carefully read every communication received at our desk, in the hope of finding one. If you have original methods or new information on any subject relating to bees, do not let the fear that your letter will not be read and thoroughly considered deter your writing your thoughts down and sending them to us. We are not interested in the grammar or the spelling. A great English writer has criticised Grant's grammar, and Mark Twain, in answering him, shows that no author ever wrote the English language without making mistakes, so if your letter has to be altered by the printer, you will be like every other writer and will be in the