

that the plaintiff in this case would have us believe they were guilty of. Instances have occurred where bees have been a little bothersome about preserving time, if no sweets were to be gathered in the field, but their "botheration" has as a rule consisted of buzzing around the kitchen in an angry "voice." Seldom have we heard of their doing much stinging. Let every bee-keeper furnish his experience in this matter; let each one state candidly the facts connected with his own experience, and better still, get your nearest neighbor to write a line giving *their* experience with *your* bees, send both these to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and let us get the general verdict of not only bee-keepers but their neighbors. This will assist greatly in the work of defence. We are told that many "bee-keepers from a distance" gave evidence in this case. It does not strike us that this is the kind of evidence that would have been most beneficial in the premises. Surely the impartial evidence of the neighbors of bee-keepers would have been to more purpose in disproving the allegation. The judiciary could not look upon such evidence as *ex parte*.

#### BEES NEXT DOOR TO A SCHOOL GROUND.

**I**N reference to the McIntosh—Harrison law suit on page 668 of C. B. J., it does not state what the distance was between the apiary and the blacksmith's shop and house, but for the last three years I have kept bees on a lot adjoining a Public School play ground with an open board fence between, the boys playing ball nearly every day during the summer and their ball lands among my bees pretty often. Frequently not less than half a dozen boys are over after it, and I have yet to hear of the first instance of their being stung. One row of the hives is not more than six feet from the fence and the bees I keep are not considered of the mildest type—Italian and German Hybrids. The above shows, I think, pretty clearly that bees are not as vicious as some would represent them.

LISTED, Ont.

J. NO. MCKIMBIE.

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or not, but I think the association should see this out on the right side. My \$5 are ready as soon as there is a person or committee to receive it. Let us know through the JOURNAL, and the money will be sent. We do not want a dangerous precedent established. Let it once be known that bee-keepers can be wiped out in that manner and there is no one that will feel safe, as he would be more or less at the mercy of any ignorant, quarrelsome individual in the community, and what neighborhood cannot boast of one or more such characters. We want no unfair advantages but there are some persons who amount to nothing themselves and are conspicuous only when trying to injure others or destroy their property. By all means let us defend our rights.

J. R. DARLING.

Almonte, Nov. 24th, '86.

#### THE EVIDENCE WILL COST \$20.

I have had a communication from Messrs. Osler, Tietzell & Harrison, Hamilton, the firm employed to defend Mr. Harrison's case. They state the case has not yet been decided, they expect it will be brought up in Toronto some time before Xmas and further stated it would cost about \$20 to secure a full report of the evidence in court which they would promise for me at once upon the amount being forwarded. So doubtless if taken in hand at once, the case could be won at a small expense, a proportion of which I am willing to share.

R. F. HOLTSMANN.

Brantford.

We are prepared to furnish \$5 of the \$20 which the evidence in this matter will cost, and the moment a treasurer for the fund be appointed we are ready to forward our donation. So also is Mr. J. R. Darling whose article follows these remarks. Possibly under the circumstances, we will not be taking too much on ourselves to suggest that until a treasurer of the funds be appointed, all who are desirous of pushing this matter may make their remittances direct to the BEE JOURNAL office. Immediately on receiving sufficient guarantee to procure the evidence which has already been given in the case, we shall order the solicitors in the case to furnish us with it and we shall publish it in full in the JOURNAL. We cannot do anything until we have this evidence to enable us to decide on the next step which may be necessary. We feel satisfied that the legal firm having this case in charge can pay the balance of the application for the material.

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