

whilst interesting and attractive is not profitable from a practical standpoint.

If we have not had the writings of many eminent Canadian bee-keepers we have had what we consider even better—their sayings at a time when sharpened and brightened by hours and days of association in convention.

Of course we are anxious to have more articles and believe that home production should be encouraged and in the end would benefit the writers and apiculture generally. The idea held by many that an imported article must be better than Canadian production does not hold good in money, and all in all should not hold good in journalism.

Evidently all the dishonest commission men are not in New York and Chicago.

A number of our Ontario bee-keepers have been taken in by a fellow in London Ont., who if he is directly crooked looks very much the square. He was pretty fully discussed at the closing session of the Woodstock meeting, and owing to his having used the Canadian Bee Journal, and it being mentioned in connection with him, we since took liberty of writing him personally as follows :

Brantford, Dec. 20, 1901

Samuel L. Lewis, Esq.,

London, Ont.

Sir :

Your name was being handed round pretty freely at the meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers in Wood-

stock a couple of weeks ago. There will be a lot of stuff to publish which we do not feel justified in suppressing, without you can give us some guarantee of your intention to make things right with those people who have intrusted you with their honey. We are sorry indeed that you have used the Canadian Bee Journal. Such things always go against a publication. Of course if you are able to defend your action, we will go ahead and publish what passed.

Yours truly,

W. J. CRAIG

To which we received the following reply :

SAMUEL L. LEWIS & CO.
Wholesale Dealers in
Fruit, Fish and Produce

London, Can. Dec. 21, 1901

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 20th received. There is only one man who we got honey from who said he saw the ad. in the C.B.J. We have considerable money out and we will settle up by the end of next week. You say you are sorry we used the Journal, you are not half as sorry as we are because it did not pull better. I will be in Brantford some time next summer and will call and explain matters to you.

Respectfully yours,

S. L. LEWIS

On receipt of this we wrote Mr. R. H. Smith, of St. Thomas ; Mr. J. B. Hall, Woodstock, and some others who had dealings with Mr. Lewis and received the following replies :

St. Thomas, Dec. 14, 1901

W. J. Craig.

Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir :

Yours of the 25th received. If Mr. Lewis settles as he promises by the time stated, that is not very long now, and Mr. J. B. Hall may be able