

idence from bee-keepers' neighbors. Mr. J. K. Darling, of Almonte, has forwarded us evidence from four of his neighbors which are short and which we append below, also a letter from Mr. Darling himself.

ARE BEES A NUISANCE ?

As suggested in a former number of the C. B. J. I send a statement of my experience with bees, as a part of it, and I also enclose some statements from others that have been around the place more or less. I have 150 colonies of bees, live in the outskirts of a town which contains about 3000 inhabitants, keep my bees in my garden, nearest colonies to the street about forty-five feet, open picket fence a little over four feet high, pickets one inch square. Have a good well, fourteen colonies mostly hybrids standing near the well during the past season, several of them within five or six feet of the well, three and sometimes four families beside my own using water out of my well all the time, and although the past summer was bad for cross bees when extracting, on account of scarcity of honey, I have never known a person to be threatened by the bees while passing along the street, much less to be stung, and I think there was only one little girl got stung at the well and that was because she was playing there sometimes instead of going away as soon as she got the water. There was one day, however, when the bees appeared extra cross and I pumped one pail of water each for two of the neighbors and carried it to a distance of twenty or thirty feet from the well and gave it to them; we had been poking up the hybrids at the well that morning. One family (my nearest neighbor) have been stung several times when we were extracting and I felt annoyed about it, but she has not uttered a word of complaint so far as I know. It cannot be more than sixty feet from her door to my bees and her garden lies between. The children would run out bareheaded and so would the woman and if a bee came around they would begin to fight them. However the trouble only lasted a day or two. As regarding affidavits I went to the leading law firm in town to see about getting some taken and they told me that the judge would not allow such to be read, that side issues often arose out of a case and then affidavits would be allowed but in the present case the persons would have to appear as witnesses in order to give the opposite party a chance to cross-examine them.

The following will speak for themselves, they are reliable and would make their statement under oath if necessary. Mr. Farrel stated when I saw him last evening that he plowed one gar-

den last spring where the bees were in two rows opposite each other and he plowed the strip between without any trouble. Where Mr. Naismith was in the habit of stopping will be some eighty or ninety feet from the nearest colonies, while the butcher stopped in the street opposite the nearest colonies.

J. K. DARLING

Almonte, Dec., 17th., 1886.

NO BOTHER TO THE BUTCHER.

I keep a butcher shop in the town of Almonte and drive a waggon regularly, stopping in the street opposite Mr. Darling's bees about ten o'clock in forenoon and although he was often working among them I have had no trouble with the bees coming around myself or the horse.

F. W. SHEEHAN

Almonte, Dec. 16th, 1886.

THE NEIGHBORS ARE NOT TROUBLED.

It is with pleasure I give my experience with a neighbor's bees. Mr. Darling keeps a large number of hives and quite a number of these were by the well. My family have got water there all summer and I do not know of one of them being stung at any time during the summer. I am one of his near neighbours (not the nearest) and I do not consider his bees to be even an annoyance.

PETER MILLAR.

Almonte, Dec. 16th, 1886.

PLOWING AMONG THE HIVES.

I would say regarding bees, and horses that I plowed Mr. Darling's garden last spring on a fine day, had a pair of two year old colts, some of the hives were set back on the tops of others and some we had to go out of the furrow to prevent the whiffletrees turning the hives over. There were plenty of bees in the air and some lighted on the horses and yet there was no stinging and we had no trouble in doing the work.

JOHN FARREL.

Almonte, Dec. 16th, 1886.

DO NOT TROUBLE DELIVERY-WAGON.

I am not a bee-keeper but keep a flour and feed store in Almonte and of course have to drive the streets at all hours of the day. Mr. Darling keeps a large number of bees in town and during the past summer I have had frequently to deliver stuff at his near neighbors when he was handling his bees and yet I have never seen a bee around myself, my horse or the doors of the houses. It is my opinion that unless bees are worse behaved than his appears