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D. M. Macdonald, Banff, comments as follows in the British Bee Journal (page 149):

Comb Honey.—A Canadian editor lately informed his readers that bees do not make wax for us to eat. Further, he thinks that both comb and honey should not be eaten, because Nature never so intended it. I put a cross against that statement, intending to make a comment thereon, but Mr. Hutchinson kindly supplies me with one as follows: "I recently met a bee-keeper who had been greatly troubled with constipation until he took up a regular diet of comb honey. Extracted honey was not effective in this direction, but honey in the comb had proved a radical remedy." A learned doctor assures us that persons whose digestion needs a little assistance will find comb honey just the thing. The wax furnishes a gentle stimulus to the digestive membranes. Comb honey, stand one up!

[We would not care to oppose such a strong combination as Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Hutchinson, for whose opinion we have the greatest respect. But we are still unconvinced that beeswax is an aid to digestion. Honey is certainly a laxative.—Ed.]

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"Mr. William McEvoy says that wholesale requeening should be done in nearly every apiary in Ontario. No one thing in the whole bee industry is so badly neglected as the queen business—the very thing that so much depends upon for our honey crops. (The key-stone of the arch is wobbling.) 'The side

of a cell is the bottom, the opposite side is the top; the bottom is one side, and the top the other.' (Mixed, but correct.)"

—D. M. Macdonald, in British Bee Journal.

[Wobbly? Yes, if she is old and exhausted. No, if she be young and fresh. It must be remembered that McEvoy gets as many eggs from his queens in one season as some bee-keepers get in two.—Ed.]

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Editor Hurley, of the Canadian Bee Journal, having claimed that he had converted a number of persons from comb honey to the extracted article by the plea that "wax is unhealthy and difficult to digest, as it must first melt in the stomach," Editor Hutchinson, of the Bee-Keepers' Review, "gets after" his Canadian brother with the remark that 130° is required to melt wax; the temperature of the body does not go above 98°; therefore, wax does not melt in the stomach. A correspondent points out to Editor Hutchinson that it requires 145° to melt wax. Finally, D. Anguish writes to Editor Hurley: "I think that is where the unhealthy part comes in with your customers—heating them up so hot as to melt the wax."—Irish Bee Journal.

[Wait till we meet 'em in Detroit next fall! We'll make it so hot for 'em that they will be able to melt up slum-gum without the aid of Herschiser's apparatus.—Ed.]

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"D. M. M.," writing in the British Bee Journal on "Stimulating With Combs of Honey," says: "A good fat