

small, ought to express itself at this juncture on the great question of Commercial Union, which is now uppermost in the minds of the people and perhaps, paramount to all others in importance, and

Whereas, Canadian apiculturists are largely represented at this meeting held under the auspices of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, and as the question of Commercial Union, or unrestricted Free Trade with our neighbors of the United States is in no sense a party or partisan question, and hence can be properly passed upon by Canadian apiarists through this Association.

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this Association complete Commercial Union, or absolute and unrestricted Free Trade, between this country and the United States would be conducive to the prosperity and best interests of the Canadian people; and as apiarists, representing a useful and productive branch of

From our English Correspondent.

THE COWAN HIVE.

IN my sketch of Mr. T. W. Cowan on page 371 of the C. B. J. I spoke of the "Cowan hive."

I now give you a brief description of it, thinking it may be of interest to you in connection with the visit of the gentleman that introduced it, whose name it bears; and also as a sample of English hives.

Fig. 1 gives you a view of it as it stands in the apiary. It has a large alighting board, a spacious porch to afford shade from the sun in hot weather, as well as shelter from drifting snow or rain. The roof is sloped to carry off the wet. All the outside joints are protected by plinths for the same purpose, and the outercase F (Fig 2) under the roof is sufficiently deep to allow of two crates of sections being tiered—the one on the other—when working for super honey. The

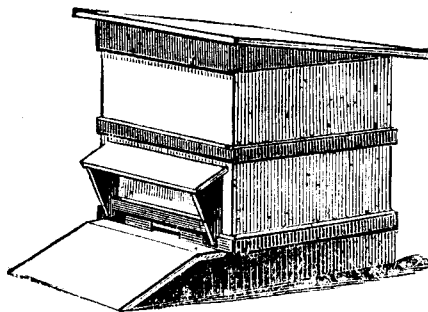
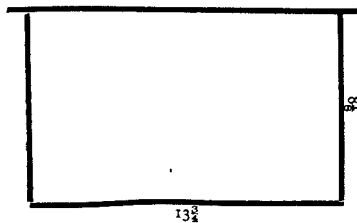


FIG. 1.

agricultural industry, we here express and enter our cordial sympathy with, and endorsement of, the movement for Commercial Union which is now in vigorous progress throughout the country and we beg respectfully to urge upon our legislators the propriety and duty of taking this subject under their careful consideration, to the end that the wishes and behests of the people may in due time be carried out, and their best interests subserved.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Clarke, but after some discussion it was thought better to withdraw the motion and give notice of the intention to introduce it at the next annual meeting, which Mr. Pringle accordingly did. The question was considered of too much importance to come to too hasty a decision. We shall say something further on this subject at another time. The meeting was, on motion, adjourned.

brood frames of the "Cowan" hive are $13\frac{3}{4}$ long and $8\frac{1}{2}$ deep thus:



And are fitted with Novice's metal corners. These corners are not in common use in England but have always been used by Mr. Cowan. A very large number of these hives are sold fitted with the "Standard" frames of the B. B. K. A., which has a top bar 17 in. long and is $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, as shown in the second diagram.