parcels, all more or less adulterated, and on enquiring every one of them came from the same party. Some of them were almost wholly adulterated—worse even than the samples sent for analysis. We append the analysis received from Prof. Shutt:

MESSRS. THE D. A. JONES CO., (LTD.),
Beeton, Ont.

GENTLEMEN,—I have submitted the two samples of foundation comb (marked No. 1 and 2) forwarded by you, to a chemical analysis, and found as follows:

No. 1 contains 68.76 per cent. Paraffin.
No. 2 contains 56.40 per cent. Paraffin.

I have the honor to be, etc.,
FRANK T. SHUTT,
Chemist Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The above is a terrible state of affairs, is it not? No wonder the party who made it could sell foundation at 40 cents per pound, and still make more money than us individuals who were asking and receiving 55 cents. The party whose name has been sent us in every instance is that of R. E. Smith, Tilbury Centre, and it will be remembered that Mr. Smith advertises *Dadant's* foundation at 40 cents per pound. When the Messrs. Dadant advertised him for this, we at once wrote, instructing that unless a satisfactory explanation was forthcoming, we should refuse him the use of the columns of THE BEE JOURNAL. The following is his ingenuous reply:

Tilbury Centre, May 13, '90.

THE D. A. JONES CO.,
Beeton, Ont.

Yours to hand, and I would say that I am selling the same comb, made on the same kind of a mill as the Dadants, and refine the wax the same as they, and *I don't see what difference it makee who turns the crank*, Dadants or any one else. I send you a sample of the comb that I am furnishing to Bee-keepers, and I leave them to judge if I am swindling them. I am giving them more than the worth of their money, and every inch is as good as the sample I send. I want the advertisment to run and the only change that I will make, if that suits them any better, is that the comb is made on the same kind of a mill, and the wax refined the same as they, and every one that gets comb from us this year, if the comb is not as sample, then call us what you may.

R. E. SMITH.

We are still waiting for the sample of comb. A few days ago we thought it best to write to Smith for a statement of the case, so that we might not take any unfair advantage of him. Indeed our sole desire is to protect the interests of the readers of THE JOURNAL. We wrote to the following effect:

R. E. SMITH,
Tilbury Centre.

DEAR SIR—You have been shipping hundreds of lbs. of adulterated wax to customers throughout the province. As this matter will be made public in our issue of August 1st, we should be glad to have a statement from you, together with what we shall have to say on the matter. Will you kindly advise us by return mail from whom you got the wax, so that we may expose the proper parties.

Yours truly,
THE D. A. JONES CO.

And his reply was:

Tilbury Centre, July 25, '90.

THE D. A. JONES CO,

In regard to wax, the first 1,500 pounds of comb that we sent out the wax came from Ekerman & Will, Syracuse, N. Y., about half; the other half we got from box hives, and we had not a word of complaint from that; but we bought about 250 or 300 pounds from a commission house, what was called refined wax. It looked fine, and as we had bought from commission men before we thought it all right. We melted it and a lot of wax we know was all right, and thought all was all right, until we had shipped it, and found that it was not all right. So we stopped at once, and told every one that got it to return it, and we would give them wax that we knew was all right, as we melted up the comb from 200 hives, and we knew that was pure wax. We lost a lot of fine wax that we melted with this wax. It is $500 damage to us, but we are to be blamed in this matter, as we have sold tons of comb before and never had wax like this. If it was any one but a commission house we could make them pay for it, but now we got it all to stand ourselves. We got ten cakes of the wax we have not touched; we stop as soon as we found out how it was. We send you a sample of the wax. If we had bought all of the wax from Ekerman & Will, Syracuse, N. Y., then we could come on them for damage, but getting wax from a dozen commission houses; we got it to lose ourselves, as they will only laugh at you. They say they got it to sell, and that's all they know about it. We stand ready to give good wax that we know is good, or give their money. We are not to be blamed as we bought the wax in good faith, and have bought refined wax before from commission houses, and never had any trouble with it till now. I was to A. I. Root's Medina, and they got some wax that is not just what it ought to be. I was going to take a sample, but forgot to until I was on the boat. Now I offer to do what is right with every one, and that is more than I can get done with me. I find comb foundation bought from other parties is not all right as they said that the comb from me broke down. So did the other, and it came from the States, the same as the wax I got came from the States. I got all the States wax I want, and when I buy more wax it will not be refined. I can do that and know that it is all right. Hoping that you will do in this case the same as if you had bought wax and got bad wax yourself.

R. E. SMITH.

Whether Smith has done as he says or not, we are not exactly in a position