

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING."

THE *American Bee Journal* of Aug. 3rd just reached us to-day, (Aug. 12th.) In it we find the following babyish comments on a portion of an item taken from the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL of the 20th July:—

"Mr. Ivar S. Young, in his letter to us and other editors says: 'I am going to visit the first and greatest bee-keepers of the world—the Americans—in order to study practical bee-keeping.' We did not state his language in our notice on page 435, but the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL did so, and its editor remarks thus:

"While he may consider the Americans the greatest bee-keepers in the world, we hope to show him that the Canadians can make a much finer display of their product. Before his visit is over, we expect to be able to hear him say that he should have coupled Canada with America in the statement which he has made."

The following is just received from a subscriber of our Canadian contemporary, and fully explains itself:

"FRIEND NEWMAN:—What is the matter with D. A. Jones? Is he jealous or crazy? See page 350 of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL for July 20. Is not Canada a part of America? His talk is utter nonsense, and tends to make 'hard feelings,' like the 'Canadian linden honey and United States basswood' article of a year ago. I do not like such talk."

Bro. Jones is at fault in his knowledge of geography; that's all! He evidently thinks that Canada is *bigger* and of more importance than the whole continent of America; when in fact it is but a *small* portion of that continent. The article about "Canadian Linden Honey vs. American Basswood" was, no doubt, a great *blunder*! as was the naming of his paper? But we must overlook such little things in him. It is his nature to be *impulsive*, and to make very *inflated statements*. We do not think he intended to be discourteous to the apiarists south of the great lakes, even though his language made it so appear.

That Canada obtains a good crop of honey; that it is of excellent quality; that they make grand exhibits, and that they have some of the best apiarists of the world, we freely admit, without even a thought of jealousy, or feeling of envy! And when Americans are referred to as "the greatest bee-keepers of the world," as they are by Mr. Ivar S. Young, we never think of depriving Canadians from their full share of the honor; or imagine for a moment that they desire to secede from the rest of the Continent, or wish to detract from the glory and reputation of America, or American apiarists.—No! We all say most enthusiastically—

"No pent-up Utica contracts our powers;
The whole unbounded Continent is ours."

The senior editor of this JOURNAL is, you will see, charged with talking *utter nonsense*, with being *impulsive*, and with making very *inflated statements*. The funniest part of this whole affair is that the editor of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is right and Mr. Newman's alleged correspondent and himself are both wrong. If either of them will take

the trouble to read *all the paragraph* which we quoted from Mr. Young's letter to us, and which we reprint, they will say that his use of the word "Americans" *did* refer to the people of the United States, and to them only, else why should he say that he "trusted for a kind reception also from the other side"—meaning Canada.

"With allowance of the Government, I am going to visit the first and greatest bee-keepers in the world—the Americans—in order to study practical bee-keeping, and I shall probably be there about the end of August, trusting for a kind reception also from the other side."

We take pleasure in informing Mr. Newman that it is *his* geography which is at fault and that, while Canada is not bigger than the *whole* continent of America, yet, throwing in Alaska, it is *bigge*: than the America referred to by Mr. Young. We give the readers of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and the readers of the *American Bee Journal* as well, credit for a great deal more common sense than to believe that we were "jealous," or desired to stir up jealousy, by the reference which we made to the exhibit which we hope to show Mr. Young. Indeed, we think that we were quite modest when we said that "before his visit is over we expect to hear him say that he should have coupled Canada with America in the statement which he has made." On this side of the line America *always* indicates the United States. If we speak of the continent we speak of North America. The editor of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL may be "impulsive," but he is not troubled with bilious attacks, and we trust that the editor of the *American Bee Journal* may soon be over his. It may probably relieve Mr. Newman's mind somewhat to know that Mr. Jones never saw the item over which all this splutter is made, until after it appeared in the C. B. J., as there happen to be two editors in connection with the JOURNAL.

CONUNDRUM.

Will the editor of the *American Bee Journal* tell us why the National Beekeepers' Association's name was changed to *North American* if it wasn't for the purpose of including Canada? Wouldn't "American," without the "North" have answered just as well?