

Bee-keepers are not selfish; they do not want more than their product is worth; but I insist that they do want, and deserve a fair price * * * and this they are not getting to-day. I believe it is their own fault.

These are "get-together" times, and bee-keepers have lost much during the past decade in not being properly organized so as to protect their own interests, and realize a proper return for their efforts in the production of honey.

Why not plan for the largest success, rather than be satisfied with something small, or less than can be obtained if properly done? While we are doing at all we might as well do things right.

If we can have one or two energetic up-to-date business men devoting their whole time to the management of this organization, there is no reason why they should not know the condition of every large honey market on this continent and thus be in a position to supply the markets properly; and bring about a more equal distribution of honey than at the present time, when often some of the markets are over-loaded and others are unsupplied.

Not only will better methods of production be encouraged, but more honest grading and packing will be compelled.

No one will attend to our business for us; we must do that ourselves, or take the consequences.

The consequences are often rather serious.

The questions to be settled are: Shall we do it? Are we big enough to undertake this great work? or shall we drift along as we have been doing in the years gone by?

W. W.

ANOTHER BEE-KEEPER FROM ENGLAND.

Dear Sir,—I am advised by the British Bee-keepers' Association to write to you for information respecting bee-keeping in

Canada. I am an English bee-keeper just out, and I desire to know the best kind of hive used in Canada. Can I obtain full particulars for making same? Also what is the best kind of bee to keep? At present I am working at my trade, but eventually hope to obtain my living solely from bee-keeping.

Yours truly

T. C. B.,

Stratford, Ont.

[We are pleased to welcome T. C. B. to Canada. There are many signs of a coming influx of British bee-keepers into this country. There is room for all the Old Country can send us, provided, of course, they know their business.

We strongly urge our correspondent to make himself thoroughly conversant with the conditions affecting bee-keeping in Canada. He will find that as is the case in England, there are districts especially favorable to bee-keeping, and he would do well to keep on the outlook for a desirable locality.

As regards the hive, we should suggest that T.C.B. purchase a ten-frame Langstroth hive, which he could use as a pattern. This hive is of much simpler construction than those of English make, and our correspondent would have no difficulty in constructing it himself. He should remember that shallow supers are not used on this side to any great extent for extracting purposes, the extracting combs being of the same dimensions as the brood combs.

Start with Italians and stick to Italians. We have nothing but good to say of the black. In England we used to work amongst them, sans veil, sans mits, and bare armed. But the black bee of the American continent appears to be a hybrid, and has a deservedly bad reputation. Aim at keeping your stock as pure as possible by re-queening.

Join the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association. Secretary, P. W. Hodgetts, Toronto.—W. W.]

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To the Editor of C

Sir,—Referring to subject from a "Ne your October issue, pendent mentions r and criticizes my re I will preface my re it is very unusual any of the bee journing behind a nom this instance the id very thinly disguise no notice of anony but in this case mos so glaringly inacc that I feel it my du

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