one own'ng a few square rods of land, devoted to almost any purpose, may try to recover damages from all the owners of bees in the vicinity.

"The union made such a stir in the matter, showing fighting enthusiasm among bee-keepers, that there would have been a lively time had there been a trial on the merits of the case.

"The judge made a thorough examination of the laws of the State, and concluded that there existed no laws or rulings upon which he could instruct the jury

"The preamble states that, 'Whereas, a petition from many citizens of Arkadelphia having been previously presented to this council, setting forth that the raising of bees or keeping them in the city of Arkadelphia was injurious and destructive to property, such as early fruit, and dangerous to citizens when riding in vehicles or on horseback upon the streets, and a pest in many of the houses in said city, having stung many persons, and especially children, while walking the streets and sidewalks.'

"The ordinance as adopted is substantially as follows:

"Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Arkadelphia: That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to own, keep or raise bees in the City of Arkadelphia, the same having been declared a nuisance.

"That any person or persons keeping or owning bees in the City of Arkadelphia are hereby notified to remove the same from the corporate limits of the City of Arkadelphia within thirty days from date hereof.'

"Section 2 provides a penalty of not less than $5 or more than $25 for a violation of the ordinance.

"The cause for this action was the fact that Mr. Z. A. Clark, who has kept bees in that city, was not in political harmony with those in power, and the latter sought to punish him and get rid of his presence, by prohibiting the keeping of bees within the corporate limits of the city.

"Some of the more ignorant ones declared that his bees were 'eating up the peaches' and others, 'eating up the young ducks!' Preposterous as it may appear to those who are better informed concerning the formation and habits of bees, yet it is true that many accepted these ridiculous charges as *truth!*

"Mr. Clark was ordered to remove his bees by June 6, 1887. He did not remove them; and on Januaay 2, 1888, he was arrested and fined, day after day, for ten successive days, for maintaining a *nuisance*, by keeping his bees in the suburbs of that city.

"Not paying the fines Mr. Clark was committed to the city jail, by order of the Mayor.

"Mr. Clark, being a member of the National Bee-Keepers' Union, very naturally appealed to it for protection. Being clearly in the right and worthy of defense the Union engaged the services of Major J. L. Witherspoon, ex-Attorney-General of Arkansas, and several other attorneys to defend the bees and their keeper.

"This case was important because it was the first time that it was sought to exterminate the bees from the suburbs of a city, by declaring them a nuisance by ordinance.

To be continued.

BEE-KEEPERS.

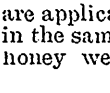
The Bill Before the House.

An Act further to amend the Act respecting the Adulteration of Food, Drugs, and Agricultural Fertilizers.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. No imitation of honey, or "sugar honey" so called, or other substitute for honey manufactured or produced from cane sugar or from any other substances other than those which bees gather from natural sources, shall be manufactured or produced or offered for sale in Canada, or sold therein: and every person who contravenes the provisions of this act in any manner shall, on summary conviction, incur a penalty not exceeding four hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, and in default of payment shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months and not less than three months: Provided, this act shall not be interpreted or construed to prevent the giving of sugar in any form to bees to be consumed by them as food.

2. Sections six to thirty, both inclusive, of the Adulteration act shall, so far as they are applicable, be held to apply to this act in the same way as if the adulteration of honey were especially mentioned therein.



Strictly Business

Once, when I was several years younger, rather rashly it must be confessed, I made a strictly business proposal to a little person for a life partnership. She, after some