

whether the colony was preparing to swarm, he simply lifts off the upper section or lower section of the brood chamber, and if cells are started he will see them at a glance. Mr. Miller winters outside in cases very similar to those used by Mr. Smith, his bees have come through in excellent condition and with less than 1% loss. He says he is more than ever in favor of outdoor wintering, it is the natural and best way, but it requires strict attention to details in preparation. He feels sure that the extra honey consumed is more than repaid by the steady even growth of the colonies from early spring to clover. Sorry we did not have time to visit Mr. Miller's out yards, and to learn more of his excellent line of management.

Among the supplementary estimates voted by the Provincial Legislature we notice \$1,000 for the Fruit, Honey and Flower Show which is intended to be held in connection with the conventions of the Fruit Growers and Bee-Keepers, referred to in our last issue.

An unusually large quantity of stores have been consumed by the bees during the last winter owing to the long periods of extreme cold weather; many that were put away with what their owners considered sufficient to carry them through came out in a starving condition. This calls for immediate examination and feeding where required. Don't trust the weight of the hive; old comb is very deceiving in this way and one

may think they have honey when it is merely wax and old cocoons.

Empty hives and combs will, in all probability be extremely plentiful this season with many small bee-keepers: too often these are left, lying around until the combs are broken, moth-eaten and wasted: better far to melt them into wax if they cannot be cared for otherwise, or fumigate them with Bi-Sulphide of Carbon and store them away in a dry moth proof and mouse proof place until they can be used.

How to Patch Combs That Have Been Injured by Mice

A prominent bee-keeper gave us a "kink" along this line the other day which may be useful to someone. Cut off the top from an empty corn or tomato can leaving the edge as straight as possible, use this for cutting out the mouse eaten part of the comb and forming it so it can be easily patched, then cut out your patches of sound comb in the same way and attach them with a few drops of wax, just enough to hold them in place, the bees will do the rest.

Death of Mr. John Wood, Wesley, Ontario

Our readers who are acquainted with Mr. George Wood Director of O. B. K. A. District No. 7, will regret to learn of the death of his father Mr. John Wood, who passed away at his son's residence, Wesley, Ontario a few weeks ago.

George was on his way home from England, where he had gone on a trip early in January, and so knew nothing of the sad occurrence until his arrival