

## The Canadian Bee Journal.

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### OUR OWN APIARY.

#### DOUBLING UP COLONIES.

**W**ELL, after all that has been said about uniting colonies our assistants and students are beginning to come to the conclusion that there "must be a screw loose somewhere." Management, locality or bees may make a difference, but we have just finished uniting several hundred nuclei and colonies and it has been done so easily and with so little loss that the boys thought they almost went together themselves. If the weather is very warm and no honey coming in we usually take a strange hive and alternate the combs; when the weather is a little cool and the bees not inclined to quarrel we simply lift them out of one hive and mix them up with those in the other. The boys united twenty or more the other day in a few minutes, with no loss—the queens in some instances were caged. We find no more difficulty in uniting bees than introducing virgin queens, though some people imagine that is almost an impossibility. We now introduce hundreds of them without any trouble. We suppose everybody especially in northern latitudes will have their bees prepared for winter by this time, and it will not be necessary for us to urge prompt action on the part of all who have neglected to weigh and feed. If they are not prepared before the end of October, the owners may as well arrange to purchase new colonies in the spring.

#### SELLING HONEY.

Perhaps a word about selling honey now might be in order. At the present time there appears to be a good deal of the past season's crop remaining in the hands of producers. A little effort about your own neighborhood will dis-

pose of most of the crop this season without all rushing off to large towns. Were it not for the dull times and scarcity of money we should certainly realize much more for our honey this season as the crop is very short. Producers who can hold until after the fruit season is over should be able to realize enough to pay them good interest on their money.

#### THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

At our last Convention in Toronto, which was held during the first week of the Exhibition, a committee was appointed to see after the Canadian exhibit of honey at the Colonial Exhibition. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of many who are in the best position to judge that if we make an exhibit similar to that which we usually make in Toronto but larger, (say about 100,000 lbs of comb and extracted) our British friends will be favorably impressed with Canadian honey and we should do there as we did in Toronto, give them a chance to taste it. Once we establish a market in England we need not fear over-production in this country. Those who have watched the wonderful strides that our pursuit has made in Canada during the last few years will say that if the same amount of energy is expended towards making the Colonial Exhibition a success, backed up by the assistance of the Government so far as paying freight on the honey is concerned, furnishing free space for our exhibit and giving us such assistance as they may deem advisable in the interest of the country we shall be sure to have a grand exhibition. We have already had several interviews with the Canadian Commissioners having had them visit our honey show at Toronto and having talked the matter over with them they have come to the conclusion that the honey display will form one of the greatest acquisitions to the Exhibition; that it will do as much