

Then so far as deficient stores are concerned, bees must act differently in your locality to what they do in ours. With us it is the comb honey colonies that are well supplied and the extracting colonies that take it all "up-stairs" except those that are contracted and our novice is not likely to attempt that at first.

Regarding winter loss—I notice that with the inexperienced the loss is far greater where extracting is practiced.

I would put my bees out any time after the middle of March that the snow is off the ground, choosing for this purpose a day warm enough for them to fly. I would not wait for the soft maples to bloom as was formerly recommended.

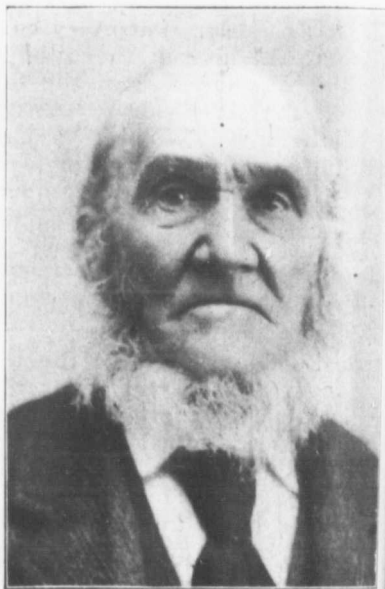
So far as protection after setting out is concerned, few bee-keepers, after the number of their colonies increases, continue to practice it. For my own part, all the protection I give is to place a newspaper under the cover and crowd it down, (the covers telescope $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) and I am not sure that even that is worth the trouble.

MR. ROBERT COVERDALE CANFIELD ONT.

We are pleased to introduce to our readers (in photo) another of the pioneers of Canadian bee-keeping, Mr. Robert Coverdale, of Canfield, Ont., whose experience has now passed the half-century mark. Mr. Coverdale has been for many years a firm friend and supporter of the Canadian Bee Journal and is held in very high esteem in his vicinity and with all who know him. We wish him spared yet many years to his favorite pursuit. He has kindly supplied us with the following brief history of his bee-keeping:

"I was born near Whitby, York-

shire, England, in the year 1824. My father, who was weaver by trade, emigrated to this country when I was seven years of age and first settled in the township of Nelson, Halton County. I can remember my father keeping bees in England in the old fashioned straw hives. I bought a hive of bees for my father from a Mr. Lagdon, in Nelson, near Lowville, about the year 1845. A friend and I brought them to my father's place—ten miles distant—on horse back, a sheet tied around the old box hive



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and a pole put through to carry it by.

I moved with my father to near what is now the village of Canfield, in the Township of North Cayuga, in the year 1848, and commenced to hew out a home from the surrounding forest for myself soon after I arrived.

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