

the one who takes great interest in his bees, can do many things to help increase the income and profits of his apiary. If a bee-keeper is to adopt all the new-fangled notions that appear in the bee-papers, I fear the expense would consume much more than the profits of his apiary. Some inexperienced bee-keeper gets an idea that he has devised something new. He has a cut made, sends description to some bee-paper, then "tis hurrah boys, bee-keeping revolutionized," and so it goes. What is there in bee-keeping that makes the business so pleasant and profitable? So far as my experience goes it is the plain, inexpensive hives and fixtures. What is there so nice to handle as a plain Langstroth hive, a Bingham smoker and hundreds of other things used by those bee-keepers who have made apiculture a success? Down with a hive, a smoker, a section-case and all other clap-trap fixtures. Give me things the most convenient and inexpensive. Scientific bee-keeping in any branch of apiculture is a nuisance.—The American Bee-Keeper.

Wenham, Mass.

[Henry Alley is one of our best known bee-keepers and the above article contains information of value. We have for years abandoned the separators having bee-ways at the top and bottom. The separators did for us just what Mr. Allen states. Of course there may be some who never crowd their sections sufficiently to get the bulging condition, but in that case they must content themselves with a section not well filled.—Ed]

A Struggling Bee-Keeper Tells His Story.

Hollaway, June 7th, 1898.

Dear Sir:—I desire to call your attention to the following facts which may be of interest to the Ontario Bee-Keeper's Association. The facts are as follows:—Seven years ago I lost my farm in default of payment on mortgage, result, mortgage foreclosed late in fall. No sale, after being offered at auction. I refused to vacate. Sheriff's writ issued and my goods and stock put off the farm, including thirty colonies of choice Italian Bees, several colonies containing imported

queens from the best breeders in the States. Colonies in A. 1. condition, all on seven frames (Langstroth), choicely selected combs—selected while extracting in buckwheat season. Bees removed to road side late in December, the stock being in cellar built specially for wintering bees. Bees remained on road fourteen days without covering. I then placed them in their winter quarters again until spring. I found it impossible to get a cellar, farmers' cellars all being full at that time of the year and most people frightened at the thoughts of bees in their cellar. Why, the girls and women folks would be afraid to enter the cellar. Thousands of bees flew out while on the road side every fine day and never returned, being chilled after soaring around the hives and falling within a few yards of the hives, the snow being covered in some places near the entrances. All the colonies were very strong. Result, in spring when taken out, four weak colonies, three mere skeletons, rest all died in cellar. I thought this very hard treatment and wondered if there was any protection for our little pets against a bad lawyer.

To-day I am again in trouble, have been renting a vacant lot and have three colonies of bees. Landlord has demanded possession, threatening to issue writ and put the bees on the road. Can he do this? If so, I would suggest that a law be had that would protect the rights of a bee-keeper, and thus prevent the bees from being disturbed against the wishes of the bee-keeper. Say all colonies to be left undisturbed from off their summer stands after 25th of April or 1st of May until, say 10th or 15th of October following; all colonies to be left undisturbed either on their stands or in their winter quarters the 20th of October, and to so remain until the following spring not later than the 1st to the 5th of May, this would protect the bees and the bee-keeper and also give the parties an opportunity to put off the bees in space of five days time in spring and fall and at a convenient season, thus preventing loss to the bee-keeper and other inconvenience arising from this sort of unmerciful disturbance. I also think a law ought to be passed to prevent bees being put or thrown on the public highway.

I have been a very delicate man all my life and too poor to be a member of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, which I consider a fine association. Trusting from the above remarks you may be able to look after the interests of the bee-keeper.