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for when we saw them a few weeks ago the hives were full of bees and honey. The wintering question is truly one that has many surprises for the bee-keeper.

#### Fall Breeding.

So far we have scarcely noticed the approach of winter. There are unusually large patches of brood in the hives, even at this late date, due, doubtless, to late feeding. The bees are going into winter quarters in exceptionally good shape, and with the clover in such excellent condition, we anticipate a bumper crop next year.

#### Stores For Wintering.

We believe that one of the most important factors in successful wintering is having *good stores*. Friend McEvoy, who is as successful along this line as any man we know, does not believe in that brood-nest arrangement, but likes the bees to winter upon solid combs—of *sugar syrup*. He feeds, and *feeds*, and *FEEDS!* Some of the fall honey we get in certain districts is of such a nature that it proves too great a tax upon the digestive organs of the bee, and feeding with sugar syrup should be resorted to.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

BY ARTHUR LAING.

It was with great interest that I read the Editor's article *re* Canadian National and the honey exhibit in your September issue, and as my name was mentioned, and as I have been an exhibitor at this Exhibition for nine years, I can doubtless throw some light on the situation for any of your readers who are interested.

Let me say boldly to start with that during the years I have been exhibiting

the honey exhibitors have never been treated cordially, but merely with toleration, and occasionally, just to add spice to our experience, an exhibitor would be abused and insulted by the management.

Furthermore, we are never left longer than about two or three years in any one building. During my nine years of exhibiting we were first in what was called the "Little World Building," then up next to the Grand Trunk Railway, where the tables shook every time a train went by, and we were constantly in great danger of having our exhibit shaken down or the building burned over our heads from the flying sparks, and also where the windows were so filthy from birds roosting on them that the place was hardly fit for a respectable stable. Of course, we were expected to clean up this mess. Does some innocent say, "Surely the management would see that a matter of this kind was attended to if it were brought to their notice?" Let me say that anything you get at Toronto Fair must be paid for in good hard cash—and lots of it.

From this building we were moved into the Horticultural Building—a splendid place for our exhibit—but we were not suffered to remain long there, for we were turned out in about two years and sent to the Dairy Building. From there, this year, we wandered back to the Horticultural Building, and where the Honey Exhibit will be sent next I don't know, unless it's through the gate! Besides the foregoing, they used to be in the old Dairy and Apiary Building, also under the grandstand, and one year even out in a tent, where the exhibitors had to help hold the tent up when the wind blew hard to prevent its blowing down and smashing everything. You can readily understand that this wandering from place to place caused us the loss of many sales of honey, as our customers could