

Let me say that farming and bee-keeping will go all right, hand in hand, if the right man, with the right spirit, is back of them. I speak from 22 years of experience with this mixture, and if I to-day were to give advice to any young man as to what to go into to help add to the proceeds of a small farm, I would not only join in saying "more bees," but more studying of the same. This kind of business needs more study and caution than any other, as without knowing the A B C of the bee business it is a sure failure. Get a few swarms at first, learn their ways and habits, study their management from the good books and journals now on the market; then commence to make the mixture. I may say the farmer holds the key to success in bee-keeping; he produces flowers from which much of the honey comes. One of the largest yielders is the clovers, and who raises it? The farmer. Then who should reap the benefit? Answer for yourself. Let a farmer sow a piece of alsike clover within one mile of an apiary of 100 swarms and see the clean profit going off his soil to his neighbor. This will stir the spirit within him to try the business.—E. A. Leffingwell, in Bee-Keepers' Review.

We have had it in mind a long time to say something like that, but somehow never could manage to say it so well. Get busy, brother farmers, and get more bees.

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As will be seen in another column, Mr. McEvoy introduces something new in the matter of prize list for the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. It is merely a suggestion as to what may be done to make the exhibit more attractive and bring out the bee-keepers in larger attendance at the Fair. The demonstrations of extracting honey, uncapping, and filling sections, should certainly prove most interesting and enjoyable for those witnessing the work, and might prove a strong drawing-card to many of the lesser and more bashful bee-keepers in all parts of the Province. Many who feel that they are now very humble and unimportant bee-keepers may be encouraged to become more zealous. It is suggested that these contests take place in the honey building before the judges. With this object in

view he has placed some of the prizes at a higher figure than is usual, in order to better enable the increased expenses to be met. This is a subject that will bear considerable discussion, and we trust that those interested will not hesitate to discuss the matter freely. Mr. McEvoy has made the first kick to start the ball rolling.

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Here's a SHAKER for you! Mr. George W. Williams, in the Bee-Keepers' Review, writing upon the subject of "Shaking," which he strongly recommends for putting life, energy and industry into the bees when they are inclined to loaf, says:

I shook them in the spring to keep them from going back when I moved them, and to stimulate them; I shook them when they would not go into the sections; I shook them when they loafed to induce them to work; I shook them when I introduced queens, and I shook some just on general principles. Every time I "stirred them up from the bottom" they went to work with the push and vim of a swarm just hived. In no case did I find any bad results; but, on the contrary, brood-rearing and honey-gathering were wonderfully stimulated in every case, and as a result I had 1,200 pounds of honey from my six colonies, and I increased to 21, while 12 colonies I treated differently, with the same pasturage, only stored 1,400 pounds and gave 100 per cent. of increase.

Come to think of it, we believe there is something in it. There seems to be something stored away back in our gray matter that would tell us we've had a somewhat like experience. And then what's that phrase about a double-edged sword? Ah, yes—"It cuts both ways!" Well! We remember in our infancy (bee-keepingly speaking), that when the bees shook us up we were inspired with an energy to reach our hospitable back door in double-quick time. Just wait till we see 'em loafing next summer. Sh-sh-shake 'em? Well!

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