

MY APIARY IN WINTER

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I send you by same mail as this a photo of the eastern end of my apiary, taken and finished by myself, on the 3rd of May last, showing the hives packed just as they came so successfully through the winter. With a view to lesson labor they are kept in

tions, each cleated on the under side at both ends, and joints battened on top, as can be seen by photo; the roof boards are four feet long. Whenever I want to work at a hive I tip a section of the roof over on the adjoining section, and work at the hive from the rear. One by twelve inch boards, twelve feet long, cut up without any waste in making the sheds. They are simply sound rough lumber, and are very durable without any paint. I have nine of them, the first being made



Apiary of W. H. Kirby, Oshawa, Showing System of Wintering.

these sheds all the year around; the sheds are twelve feet long, three feet high in front, two feet high behind, and three feet wide, the board supporting the sectional roof in front is twelve inches wide; two by two inch stuff, will do for corner posts; the floor is supported on two by four inch scantling, laid on edge lengthwise. the shed, and on this floor is laid, two by two inch stuff on which the hives rest, thus allowing space for two inch packing under the hives. The roof of each shed is in four sec-

about twenty years ago, and is as good now as when first made.

For packing between, under and rear of hives I use maple leaves, gathered just after they drop, they being much tougher than after they are off the trees for a while, and last longer. They are packed in under, between, and at back of the hives, just as close and tight as I can punch them, right to the top of the covers. As can be seen by photo I use a deep cover for wintering, under which is placed and on the top of the frame, a chaff