

judge of the truthfulness of my statement. I am inclined to believe with E. France, of Platteville, Wis., that queens should be sold cheaper than in former years. All bee supplies have taken a "tumble" from the prices of former years, and why not the price of queens take a "step down" too? I say they *can be bred cheaper*, and get just as good queens, too; and I am satisfied that in getting two lots of queen brood or chyme, as I do, while the young bees are constantly hatching, I *can get better* queens than by any of the methods given in books of former years. I make these statements for publication, and would suggest to any one who will, to try it. Another point I gain in making the "drop down" plan practicable and that is, on all my fertilizing hives I have cases that hold sections, and by keeping the little colony strong by adding hatching brood if needs be, I get many well filled cases of section honey. My frames run across wise my hive in a full colony, but for my nuclei I place the frames lengthwise. I have four sizes of hives, all take one size frame.

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OF THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Wiring Frames.

I NOTICE in last issue of C. B. J. that R. F. Holtermann condemns the use of wired frames. Surely he must have reference only to shallow frames. I would caution beginners against accepting Mr. Holtermann's views of this. I have used a few hundred unwired, and between three and four thousand wired frames, and want none but the latter. I use the Jones' size, but even with the Langstroth I would think it an advantage. I would very much like to know the harm it does. Wired frames have too many admirers and advocates to think of melting up foundation in wire frames as Mr. Alpaugh thinks of doing. With me, wired frames are one of the comforts in bee-keeping. The ordinary bee-keeper has sufficient to vex and bother him without using foundation in frames not wired. When hiving a large swarm on hot days, you feel a sense of security unknown to those who do not wire. No sagging, causing drone cells to be built near the top, and having to leave a space at the bottom for emergencies, which may prove too little and so warp your comb, or too much and have drone comb built instead. So I would say use wired frames.

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Expulsion of Bee Men From Ontario.

A PERSON calling himself Hall, a resident of the Queen city of Ontario, is certainly a very peculiar man if nothing else; as to whether or not he knows much or anything about bee-keeping is another thing. Even if he did, he is neither entitled to the honor of being called an apiculturist, nor the friend of one.

Ah, says he, "bees or no bees, that is the question." Well, that sentence should read "pockets or no pockets" with him, for don't you see he is going to become editor, benefactor, and a wealthy man all at once by the sale of his treatise on foul brood; and this too at no expense to himself, as he assumes all the local papers are going to "copy the matter" and also send him a copy containing it, free *gratis* for nothing.

"Freedom from molestation" at the hands of a few mercenary hustlers seems to have prompted him to demand that 10,000 bee-keepers should suffer, in order that he on our glorious Dominion day may be able to present them (for a consideration) what Mr. Frank Chesnire has already given the world for nothing. How very considerate, to be sure.

One would think from the supposed knowledge of this personage, that he was more thoroughly conversant with the working of the Foul Brood Act in Ontario, than the minister of Agriculture, the Inspector, President, or in fact any one else. Now, I am in a position to inform your readers such is not the case. More than this, he has not given you the facts, even in so far as he knows them, else he would also have stated the reply to a card (a copy of which I have in my possession), sent out by himself for information on the subject, read from a gentleman of the same name, residing in Woodstock, informing him that the Act was a success.

How much more of such testimony he gathered I do not know, for, as stated, he does not inform us. Suffice it to say, however, his veracity may be expected to be in complete harmony with his publication.

I rather incline to the opinion he will after reading the editorial footnote to his article in C. B. J. for May 1st, written by Mr. Jones, that the drug treatment alone, no matter what it may yet prove, has not, so far as Ontario is concerned, been a success of itself. Experience by practical and trustworthy men is worth much more than theory in this or any other case.

Now, if this gentleman is sincere in his desire to benefit bee-keepers, why not display more charity towards them, and give gratuitously his experience with the disease in the C. B. J., as