

Canadian Thistles by Telephone.

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Hello there! Are you the Bee Journal?

No, not exactly, but I am the editor.

Well say, Mr. Editor, I thought I would ring you up and tell you that I am once again on deck, having just returned from Scotland, the land of my forefathers.

All right—go ahead!

You know I was over there with the Jubilee Kilties from Toronto, who carried away so many prizes and did such noble shooting. Of course, you can readily imagine me being proud of my countrymen. Ta ta, Mr. Editor, I'll give you more particulars later on.

See here, you Franco-Spanish, Dutch-Italian, Canadian-Scotch Hybrid, is there no other country you will lay claim to being a native of. I heard you had gone from Rossland to the Klondyke, and had returned to attend the Ontario Bee-Keepers Meeting to be held in Hamilton, which I hope is true. Good-bye, Frankie, good-bye.

LADY APIARISTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

According to the October issue one of our Ontario lady apiarists must be either a visitor or a resident of British Columbia. Oh, my! how I wish I was there. Now, Mr. Holter-woman, don't you misconstrue what I have written, and tell the readers of the C. B. J. that I want to go to that part of Canada just because Miss Buller is there. Such is not *exactly* the case; or rather it is not the only reason why I would like to there. It is the climate—yes, the climate—that catches me most. You know, I don't like the cold weather, and I do long for warmer weather than Ontario furnishes in winter.

But say, Mr. editor, I am seriously contemplating a journey to the Bermuda Islands, shortly, and in the meantime if you can furnish any information regarding apiculture there, or give me the names of any bee-keepers in that salubrious climate, you will much oblige.

THE PETTIT SYSTEM OF PRODUCING COMB HONEY.

The above system is all right. I had little doubt but that it would succeed, and prepared to give it a fair trial. I used both the wedges for ventilation, and assisting or inviting the bees to run up the sides of the hive, in order that they might deposit their stores in the outside

sections, as well as the perforated follower or divider, and believe the two combined are better than either one alone. As to the proper size for the holes in the divider I may state that I saw no difference in the work of the sealing of the sections whatever; in fact, one half of some of the dividers had $\frac{3}{8}$ inch holes, and the other half $\frac{5}{16}$ inch holes; others had nothing but one size of hole, say $\frac{3}{8}$, while yet another lot were bored with a $\frac{5}{16}$ bit. I tried none larger or smaller than the above. My candid opinion, however, is that the extra bee space furnished by using the divider is of more value than the wedges in securing the end in view. I like the wedges, nevertheless, for the extra amount of ventilation they afford. I am not sure that I want more than one cleat on each end to be nailed permanently so as to prevent the divider from splitting. If more are nailed on, it makes extra work to clean them of propolis. I am, however, going to try another dodge next year, but I'll study the matter more minutely before enlarging on its possibilities.

THE NEW SECTION AND CLEATED SEPARATOR

I observe that "brudders" Root, York and Hutchinson are now booming the new or rather an old style of section (I suppose you will follow suit), whose top, bottom and sides are all the same width, and in order to furnish the usual bee space, the separators are cleated in much the same manner, if not exactly, as Mr. Pettit does his perforated divider or follower.

The cost of the new sections, on account of being more easily manufactured, will be less than those at present in use, but the cleating of the "fence" separator, as illustrated in Gleanings, will be a trifle more expensive than the old style, so that as far as cost is concerned, little or no difference will be experienced to those like myself who have been using separators in the past. The saving, however, will be in the price of the crates for marketing the honey, as more sections, containing the same amount of honey, can be crated for less money, to say nothing of the better appearance of the section when filled, and the greater ease with which they can be cleansed of the propolis.

Those having T supers or section holders can utilize either with the new system, without any readjustment except the purchase of new cleated separators, which Mr. Root says are made from material which has previously been destroyed, but