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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

The blue pencil mark on the wrapper is just to remind you.

The bee-keeping situation has improved exceedingly since our last issue. Weather is now ideal, and some very good reports of clover flows have come to us from bee-keepers whose bees were in condition to take advantage of it. There is no possibility, however, of anything like a large honey crop this season. Even if the flow were general, there are not the bees in the country to gather it. Unfortunately, many of those that came through alive are not in shape to do much more than build up for winter, or perhaps for a full flow where such is to be had.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. L. Wilson, one of Northern Ontario's leading and successful bee-men, who passed away at his residence, Elmvalle, last month. Mr. Wilson commenced bee-keeping some thirty-two years ago, beginning with a couple of swarms which he secured from a hollow tree in the bush. He was a member of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association.

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Printers made us to say a rather ridiculous thing in one of our notes last month, page 176, that "Mr. F. P. Adams, at the Brant County meeting, told us

of his good success with the Alexander system of building up weak colonies by placing them on the top of SMALL ones." This should read "by placing them on the top of STRONG ones."

Talking with Mr. Adams further on his way of joining the two colonies, he says he was at first disappointed with the plan, and had stated so, as the queen in the weaker colony was almost invariably killed and the two colonies merged into one below. He has since found, however, that the lower colony must be really a strong one; it does not matter much how weak the upper one may be, so long as it has a laying queen. He puts them together in the evening, or toward evening, when they have about ceased to fly, and without using smoke or jarring them at all. To assist in this he makes all possible preparation early in the day, placing the queen-excluder on the top of the strong colony, leaving off the cover, etc. He is also careful that the weaker colony is in proper shape, the hive body made loose on the bottom-board and all ready to be lifted and placed on the top of the other. He says that these points all go toward the success of the plan, and that he is highly pleased with the results.

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Mr. C. W. Post of Trenton has frequently spoken at the O. B. K. A. Conventions of his ventilated hive bottoms, the advantage of them in moving bees to out-apiaries, as well as for retarding swarming. Mr. William Bayless of Grandview exhibited a ventilated board at the Horticultural and Honey Show last fall that seems to embody these advantages, besides the floor board can be easily withdrawn at any time for the purpose of cleaning or removing dead bees without disturbing the colony. The floor board slides into the side rails, as shown in the cut.

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