

My wintering box is high enough to allow a super to be put on in the spring, as I want them nice and warm to brood up.

I prefer to feed liberally in the fall, and satisfy myself in the spring that each colony has enough stores, but not too much. If any are short I would give sealed stores in preference to feeding syrup. Keep the bees snug and warm. Do not disarrange their brood nest.

Give the bees a reasonable chance and they are sure to use all their energies to fill the hive with young bees, and will do it if they have a good queen.

Why should the death rate be so high in wintering bees either in the cellar or outside?

If any of my 26 colonies go under this winter, I think it will be because I divided too much, or one or two may be queenless.

Now, Mr. Editor, I hope all of those bright, intelligent bee-keepers

who made our late convention at Toronto so interesting, will give us a little of their experience, and with you, make our C.B.J. indispensable at least to every bee-keeper in Canada.

[Mr. Reed has indeed made splendid progress. His system of wintering is good, but we think he

makes a mistake in removing his honey-board altogether. If it is broken loose from the top of the hive just before packing on top, the bees will not be able to seal it again until next spring. If it lays loose on top, it will permit of ventilation and at the same time allow the bees the freedom of the top of the hive in

passing over the frames. This we consider a great advantage. We thank you for your interesting letter, and hope our other friends will follow your example and advise. The cut of Mr. Reed's apiary appears on our first page of cover.—Ed.]



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