

put in a good place to dry, and then if not given to the bees to clean, there are several ways to get out the dead bees. If only a few, they can be picked out by taking hold of the wings or by using a pin or crochet needle. Some let mice clean them out; others throw them out with the extractor.

H COUSE, THE GRANGE, ONT.—I would advise removing what bees you can. A good plan to do this is to catch the frame in both hands near the lower ends of side bars, holding the frame horizontally and tapping the top bar on something which will jar most of the bees out of the lower side, then reverse. This should be done when combs are not brittle. Then place them about an inch apart in a room free from dampness, using them in your strongest colonies as fast as they require more combs.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—If your time is not precious and hangs a little on your hands, get a small cobbler's awl with a little crook at the end and proceed to lift the little defunct fellows out "tail end first." This is what I used to do years ago when I had more time and less wit. But if you have plenty of other more pressing work to fill in your time let the live bees remove the corpses of their dead comrades, only don't give them too much to do at a time or you will completely discourage them.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—Shake out all the bees that readily come out by gently tapping the frame of comb on something sideways. Store combs away until needed, spreading them at least about twice as far apart as they usually hang in the hive. If stored close together, the dead bees that have not shaken out will cause damage to the combs by moulding. When the combs are needed, the remaining dead bees will be quickly removed by the colonies to which they are given.

BY THE EDITOR.—We have removed them in various ways, with tweezers, light pincers, forceps, pins, holding the point of a slender needle in lamp blaze till the temper is drawn, then turning a slight hook on the end which takes them out easily. Set them about an inch or two apart; when mice are plentiful they will remove them, but when removed by mice or bees, more or less of the cells are cut down. We have also tried putting them in a very dry room until they become thoroughly dried out, when many of them can be shaken out; if left in a damp place they are sure to mould.

## SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

GARRETT M. BLOUGH, PAISLEY, ONT.—Our bees wintered badly; out of fourteen colonies we have seven left. The bees around here are nearly all dead.

ALEX. CLUNIS, CLAUDE, ONT.—I had eighteen hives and have lost five. I will note my experience about hives, and how I think they ought to be constructed.

GEO. J. HALL, RUMNEY, N.H., writes under date, May 11th, 1885.—One year ago this spring I had four colonies—two Blacks and two Italians. Increased to eleven, and got 150 pounds of surplus. Have seven colonies this spring all in healthy condition.

R. MCCARTNEY, ROSE HALL, ONT.—My bees are coming out very well this spring. The past has been a hard one on bees around here, some losing their entire stock, others 50 to 90 per cent. I have lost only 11 per cent., and that with diarrhoea. One neighbor lost only three but the average loss here will be 80 per cent.

DAVID KENNEDY, GUELPH, ONT.—I am much pleased with what I have seen of your paper, and think it will be of great service to the beginner, as well as to the more experienced. I want all the numbers from the beginning so that I can have them for reference. I have not had very good success this winter having lost nearly all my colonies. I have purchased a number more to make up my loss. I shall write you more fully again.

C. D. TERWILIGAN, OSHAWA, ONT.—Bees in bad condition owing to the very late spring. We have had snow storms once a week for the past two or three weeks and sometimes two or three in each week. Had about a week of fine weather somewhere between the 15th and 25th of April, just time enough to allow me to give them the necessary attention, which has proved to be only too necessary with us. This warm week induced them to breed rapidly and things seemed prosperous, but other than the warm weather they had nothing to promote it. Since this latter date they have had scarcely a flight and things look dim, I assure you. Still I have lost but one so far and that was a very weak one when it came out of the cellar. Am very glad we have a CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, but if this weather keeps on I do not think there is much use for it and I should not try to publish it any longer. Should rather hear of "my lost dollar" than be "in blasted hopes."