

than its present proportions the members will leave sentiment aside and deal with the matters from a business standpoint.

The following item under the heading "Canadian Honey" appeared recently in the "Chemist and Druggist," London, Eng.

"Honey is said to be plentiful in the Dominion this year, and from Manitoba and Ontario large quantities are offered; in fact, there appears to have been a tremendous crop all over Canada. There is not the slightest doubt (says our Canadian correspondent) that if the apiarists could succeed in improving the flavor of Canadian honey they would have an enormous outlet for it."

A wholesale grocer who is interested wrote Mr. R. H. Smith, St. Thomas, enclosing the slip asking if the statement was correct Mr. Smith replied (sending samples) that we have as good as the best over here but that the crop was not as enormous as they would make out.

MR. SAMUEL WOOD

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bought a hive and paid a man to help him carry it home, a distance of three miles. He says that his first bee-keeping was rather crude, as it was generally at that time. The swarms were hived and when honey was wanted the bees were destroyed. It was years after before he heard of a work or publication on bee-keeping, the advent of these however, gave him new light and renewed interest and increasing until he launched into bee-keeping as an exclusive business. Like men in most other pursuits he has had his ups and downs, fortunes and misfortunes, has lost all on more

than one occasion. His greatest trouble has not been with foul brood but by poison, fruit-growing neighbors spraying their fruit trees when in full bloom, and, much against his will, he has had to resort to the law in order to protect his bees.

Mr. Wood has now about one hundred and fifteen colonies, part being wintered out-doors, and part in a root-house or cellar. The cellar is built of cedar blocks, mortared between like a stone wall, on a stone foundation three feet deep. The blocks are sixteen inches long and make a thick solid wall which is lathed and plastered within, and a cement floor. One portion is divided off for the bees and the other for fruit and vegetables. His bees have wintered very successfully.

Mr. Wood is quite an authority in his neighborhood on bee-keeping and is always pleased to advise and assist young bee-keepers to the best of his ability — his mind and memory being as clear as when he was young.

Mr. Wood is well cared for by his widowed daughter, Mrs. Scott, who lives with him and is much interested in her father's pets, Mrs. Scott's son and daughter assisting him in the apiary.

We wish Mr. Wood yet many returns of his birthday, and to see him at many more conventions of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association.

Obituary

Died at her home in Lynden, on Monday Dec. 7th, after a lingering illness Effie Echlin, wife of George A. Howard. Decease was in her thirty-seventh year: was a daughter of the late Robt. Echlin of Beverly. She leaves her husband and five little children, the eldest of which is only fourteen years of age. Mrs. Howard was a devoted Christian wife and mother and was held in the high-