

could I had to keep them covered with quilts over the entrance for half a day and sometimes when very cold for a day. They are in excellent condition now, full of bees and gathering pollen and honey. I purchased a queen on the 2nd June and on the 6th I had two frames full of young brood. I kept the other up by giving it a frame of brood occasionally until I had given it three frames and now kept five frames well covered with bees. I take this opportunity of thanking Rev. W. F. Clark for the instruction he so freely and kindly gave me. Thanking you for the space in your Journal. I am,

Faithfully yours,

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How To Preserve Combs.

WO preserve combs for future use the parties having them will require to act promptly or they will spoil very quick. If they have any honey in them it should be at once capped, and the combs put in a super and placed over some colony short of stores, and a little sweetened water sprinkled over them and the bees when cleaning it up will also clean the combs in good shape. (this should be done some evening to prevent robbing). As soon as they have taken the honey out of the combs, remove them to a warm room well ventilated. Space the combs in the supers about $1\frac{1}{8}$ or $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart, place first super on two (2) inch strips, second super crosswise and so on until they are as high as the ceiling, when they have been submitted to a high temperature for ten days or two weeks carry the supers outside and take the combs out and knock them gently against the edge of the super and if there were any dead bees in them they will have shrunk so that they will easily fall out. If there were no dead bees in the combs it will not be necessary to move them, but place them as follows. After taking them from the colony that was cleaning out the honey, take some rough lumber say six inches wide make a box same size as the super you use. Bore six or eight good sized holes in the lower edge or within 2 inches of the floor. Nail pieces of fine wire screen over these holes to keep insects and mice out of the supers, set a tier of supers upon this perforated box and for a lid take a piece of fine wire cloth the size of the top of the super and nail two $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square strips of wood there to the length of the hive on two sides only and place a lid upon this and it will be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch up at each end in order that a fine current of air may pass through between the spaced combs. These holes below covered with wire cloth nailed over them will allow the

air to pass in, and the lid being $\frac{1}{2}$ inch up at each end will allow any foul odor to pass off and in this way they may be kept for years, providing that the room is not damp and it will require to be ventilated by means of a window or door that may be opened occasionally. I kept combs in this way for two years and they were in nice shape and were readily accepted by the bees they were given too.

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Grand Valley, Ontario, June 3rd '92.

Lambton Bee Keepers.

A MEETING of the Lambton Beekeepers Association was held in Oil Springs on May 9th.

A great many beekeepers from different parts of the county were present, and great interest was taken in the discussion of various subjects pertaining to bees.

Heavy losses were reported from different parts of the County and with the cold backward spring a great many have dwindled.

An essay read by J. R. Kitchin on "Who should keep bees" received considerable attention.

Mr. Brown said no one should keep bees who had to use a veil, while the majority contended that at certain times a veil is really necessary.

The question of "sealed covers for winter" was fully discussed and a vote taken showed that a large majority were in favor of, and were successful with the covers sealed.

The question of "best hive in use" brought out the opinion that almost any of the movable frame hives in use were good enough if the beekeeper handled them right.

The grant from the O. B. K. A. is to be expended in prizes for honey, etc., at the Fall Fairs of Alvington, Wyoming, Petrolia and Bridgen.

The next meeting will be held in Petrolia on 2nd Saturday in November.

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The California Bee Keepers' Association is preparing a notable exhibit for the Fair. Besides honey and bees, the exhibit will include pressed flowers of all the different honey flora specimens of the birds and insects which are the enemies of bees, models and photographs of apiaries, and novelties in the shape of production distinctive to California, especially in the line of beeswax and foundation.