

our "Pure Honey Bill." This was the thought that flashed on my mind at that time, and it was in the interest of our "Pure Honey Bill" that I sprang to my feet when I did and said, "If the brood chambers were full of brood and you put on sections pretty well drawn out and placed a feeder on top of them filled with syrup at a time when bees would carry down 10 or 18 pounds in a night, that sugar could be made to go, and go to pay." As far as I know I believe that every person in the convention believed that I was right, and accepted my explanation as a perfectly correct one. Mr. Pringle replied to me and said, "I think it is inconsistent, not to say wrong, for any man in this Association who condemns the construction of sugar honey to instruct the people how to do it." I did not catch all the words that Mr. Pringle said then, but rather enjoyed it as a joke at the time. But since the Journal has come to hand I am astonished to see that Mr. Pringle was not joking. I will leave it to those that were at the convention, or the readers of the Journal if I acted in an inconsistent manner by the explanation I made, which was done in the sole interest of our "Pure Honey Bill." I also wish it to be plainly understood that I consider Mr. Taylor to be an honorable man and a careful worker, and that in my explanation on the feeding business I found no fault in any way with Mr. Taylor's paper.

WM. McEVoy.

Woodburn, May 11th. 1866.

Some Don'ts for Bee-Keepers.

Don't go into bee-keeping without first finding out something about it.

Don't buy too many colonies to start with.

Don't think bees work for nothing and board themselves.

Don't think you will not need anything from the supply dealers.

Don't fail to subscribe for one or two good bee-journals.

Don't think a dollar or two invested in this way thrown away.

Don't begin inventing new hives and appliances.

Don't experiment too much, leave that for those who can afford it.

Don't overhaul the brood-chambers of your hives every day or two.

Don't be too saving in the case of foundation.

Don't tolerate more than one size of frame.

Don't let the bees have too much drone comb.

Don't extract honey before it is pretty well sealed.

Don't jar hives while manipulating them, nothing enrages the bees so.

Don't smoke bees too much, enough is as good as a feast.

Don't be above wearing a good bee veil.

Don't wear gloves unless your hands are very tender.

Don't leave comb honey on the hive too long after it is sealed.

Don't open hives much or expose combs when nectar is scarce.

Don't be too mean to feed your bees if they need it.

Don't let kingbirds or toads hang around your apiary.

Don't use second hand sections or crates.

Don't send honey to market in a dirty, sticky condition.

Don't ship honey to a commission merchant unless you know him to be thoroughly reliable.

Don't try to sell honey in July.

Don't neglect your bees in the fall, but get them in the best possible shape for winter.

Don't try to winter bees in a shed or cold room, they would be better unprotected in the summer stands.

Don't contract the entrance too much.

Don't allow the entrance to become clogged with ice or dead bees.

Don't protect the south side of hives, wintered on summer stands.

Don't fail to examine all colonies in early spring, be sure they have a laying queen and plenty of honey.

Don't bother much with weak colonies, try to make one good one from two or three or more of them.

Don't keep your ideas and experiences to yourself, let us have some of them through THE CANADIAN BEE-JOURNAL.

Harwood, Ont. GEO. McCULLOCH.

Harwood, Feb'y. 16th. 1865.

Editor C. B. J.,

Dear Sir—Please answer the following questions in C. B. J. and oblige:

Having as many colonies as I wish to keep at present, what would you think of (1) letting each colony swarm? (2) Having on starters and placing beside the old colony? (3) Taking unfinished supers from old and placing on new, and working the whole Apiary for comb honey till the white flow ceased. Then uniting them again for fall flow by placing one hive on top of the other, with a queen excluder between, queen in the upper story having been removed, then extracting the fall flow and preparing for winter. GEO. McCULLOCH.