

well here, and I now, in a good season, aim to get all the bees can use in the brood chamber, and have the balance stored in extracting supers to be fed back for winter, to colonies needing it. Experience has taught me that it does not pay to push the sale of buckwheat and other dark honeys. When I sell a customer a fine sample of light-colored honey he almost always duplicates the order as soon as the honey is gone, but not so with those to whom I have sold buckwheat or other dark, strongly-flavored honey, even though they profess to have a preference for that kind. When asked why they did not come for more sooner the invariable reply would be: "Oh, well, you see we got 'tired' of it." Last spring Mr. McArthur, of Toronto, wrote to the C.B.J. that he had received many orders for buckwheat honey from Toronto customers. How does your experience coincide with mine, Mr. McArthur? Do they send for "more of that delicious honey," as when you sell clover or linden, or do you have to hunt them up to find out why they do not do so. I should be glad to know.

SOMETHING ABOUT HONEY SOCIALS.

The "Our Own Apiary" part of the C.B.J. is a good feature in your JOURNAL, and I was especially pleased with that of last week's (Nov. 9th) issue. You are right in regard to the "honey social." I will write you at an early date how we manage them down here.

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Ridgeway.

The above is a thoroughly interesting report, and comes from one, whom past experience gives us to understand is a close observer. We should like to have a reply from Mr. McArthur on the question which Mr. Dunn has raised. Our own experience is much the same as Mr. Dunn's. We, of course, have very little dark honey with which to experiment, but we never find sales for dark honey effected twice to the same customer, excepting where it is used in manufacturing purposes.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Setting in Winter Quarters Early.

BEES PUT IN OCT. 27TH.

HAVE eighty-two colonies wintering through this year; ten in D.W. sawdust hives and seventy-two in cellar. I prepared the cellar by laying a close floor of 1 x 10 boards about three inches from the bottom, resting on 2x3 in. scantling. I covered the floor with sawdust four inches deep, then built upright racks with shelves far enough apart to place a hive upon them

nicely, about 18 in. apart, three tiers; it is frost proof. The apartment where bees are kept is partitioned off, 12 x 18. At the coldest period last winter the thermometer indicated 42° F. I keep a thermometer hanging in the repository to indicate temperature.

On Oct. 27th I carried ten of the weakest colonies in, marked the weight in my journal opposite the number corresponding with the number on the hive, so as to keep a record of each hive, and time when I put them in the cellar. Then on Nov. 8th I put in ten more colonies; the weather registered 20° above zero, marked and noted in my journal. A few days before this we had beautiful weather. Then on Nov. 12th I put in fifteen more colonies — all numbered and registered in my journal. Then on Nov. 22nd I put in fifteen more, and on Nov. 25th, eleven more colonies, and have eleven colonies yet to put in which are the best in my apiary. So you see Mr. Editor, that I have put in my bees for winter quarters at different dates and all numbered with weight of each hive and its condition, as to age of bees and queens and the state of weather at the time of putting in cellar, and I will keep a diary and report same to you next spring on setting my bees out.

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For the Canadian Bee Journal

REPORT FOR 1887.

WINTERING BEES WITHOUT FRAMES.

I COMMENCED the spring with seven colonies, and from these I obtained 120 lbs. of extracted honey, and increased to eleven colonies. I fed back \$9.70 worth of sugar and honey. I bought two colonies at \$5.50 each which makes thirteen colonies with which to go into winter quarters. My account looks something like this

RECEIPTS.

120 lbs. honey at 10c.....	\$ 12 00
4 colonies at \$5.50.....	22 00

\$ 34 00

EXPENDITURE.

Sugar and honey fed back.....	\$ 9 70
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Balance at credit.....	\$ 24 30
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I have made a new style of hive for the bees to winter in, in which they are obliged to cluster in a bunch. The food is above the bees. I shake them off the frames of a Jones hive without giving them any warning puff of smoke. This I did with the colony I am experimenting with on the 8th of November, on the next day I put them in the cellar. The hive is 10 in. square and 10 in. deep