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making sure that every one is given attention before the last of August, thus completing the queen work for the season by leaving a few strong nuclei in each yard to unite with any colony that may be found defective either from lack of bees or being queenless.

As I have no fall flow of honey, we are now ready on September 1st to give attention to the second period of work—Winter Stores. Each colony is weighed, and the weight marked in the record book. Those showing a weight less than thirty pounds of honey at home, and thirty-two at the out yards, are fed at once, and as rapidly as possible, to that weight. During that work we also make use of the remaining nuclei in the yard by uniting them wherever needed.

We are now ready about October 15th for the third stage of the work—Putting the little fellows in the winter cases, and to me this is a most pleasurable work, to set four good heavy colonies into a case with a couple of inches of packing on the bottom, and five inches at the sides, with ten or twelve on top of sealed summer covers, giving a generous entrance for air, with the alighting board hung over the outer entrance to exclude heavy winds, and a water-tight cover over all.

Colonies thus prepared in the divisible brood chamber hive, giving free access with its central passageway to all parts of the hive well stocked with good stores, provided with a colony of normal strength of young bees, and a good queen, then I feel that my bees are in the best possible condition to pass through a long winter or severe spring. Having practised this system in my three



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yards for the past ten years, I find it conserves the strength of the old bees by prolonging their period of usefulness, and each comb as filled with brood is permanently covered with bees, thus saving valuable larvæ, which is so often lost after a week of fine weather followed by a March or April winter. I wish to repeat what I have so often said for this system—The gain made in the two months previous to the 15th of May will more than repay the extra cost of stores consumed in outside wintering.

**Another Old-Timer.**

In a letter received from Mr. Edwin Gould, Colborne, Ont., he says he has been a bee-keeper for fifty years, and invented the first honey extractor that was ever made in Canada. May the blessings of a grateful bee fraternity pour down upon his venerable head.—ED.