

col- manner with surprising nicety, many
and of them comparing favorably with
ry to those built upon foundation. From
y to the samples of combs thus produced,
allow I select the best for future use, and
than render the objectionable ones into
more wax. In this way I make wax pro-
duction a source of profit.

For several years, in August, I
moved about 100 colonies each year,
after about 12 miles, to the buckwheat
satis- fields on the prairie, and removed
work them later in the season. These
nont, colonies I treated in the same way,
Jour- and thus saved hauling the stores
back and forth, as well as keeping
the buckwheat and late honey by
itself.

We are having poor seasons for
several years past, and there is much
less swarming, hence these different
conditions have to be met by differ-
ent methods; and I am not practising
this "shake-out" method as much as
formerly.

I know no reason why it is not
adapted to any locality or season in
which the honey flow is reasonably
good.—H. R. Boardman, in the Bee-
keepers' Review.

P. S.—In the last issue of "Glean-
ings" is an article on the "shake-out
plan;" and I notice that the instruc-
tion is to shake out every bee from
the old colony. I don't advise this;
on the contrary, I advise, by all
means, to leave bees enough to pro-
tect the hive until the brood has
come to hatch; and especially take
this precaution in out-yards when
there will be no one to look after the
bees. I had one very lively case of
robbing, in an out-yard, by neglecting
this precaution. I also close down
the entrance very close. Sometimes I
have closed it entirely with what I
call a robber-guard until the bees
get a little house-cleaning done, and
have recovered from their panic and
confusion.—H. R. B.

Communications

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

As there will doubtless be some
indignation felt and expressed in this
issue of this Journal in reference to
an item which recently appeared in
The Toronto World newspaper in re-
gard to the honey crop, and prob-
able lower prices, in which the
firm name of Rutherford, Marshall &
Co. figured, it is only fair and right
that, being made acquainted with the
facts, I should offer a short explana-
tion.

Some time ago the firm sent out
enquiries about honey and asking
quotations, etc. A great many re-
plies were received by the firm and
honey aggregating somewhere be-
tween 100 and 140 thousand pounds
was offered. Mr. R. speaking to a
warehouse man remarked that
honey was being offered freely and
in his opinion ought to be cheaper
than last year.

The World reporter happened
along shortly afterwards, this un-
authorized, over officious and exag-
gerating person gave him the sum
and substance of what appeared,
changing the thousands to tons and
the rest in proportion.

Mr. R. regrets the mistake, which
he can hardly be held responsible
for.

Having myself received several
copies of the above referred to paper
with the item marked and a note
along telling of what a mauling I
may prepare for at Barrie, etc., and
having neither shot gun nor revolver
and still not wishing to forego the
pleasure of being there, I beg to say
that I am not at present in the em-
ploy of the firm, nor am I responsible