

mistaken, send along the article if it contains something of bee-keeping peculiar to your locality or of value to bee-keepers. Many are under the impression that they must shed new light, something no one else has heard of, this is all a mistake. There are many beginners who want simple operations described. In response to a letter, we received an amusing communication, a portion of which we quote without mentioning names: "I am sorry that bee-keepers have to be asked to contribute articles to the Canadian Bee Journal. What is the matter with the bee-keepers anyhow? Why, with the dozens of practical bee-keepers in this Province who are well qualified to write articles sufficient to cram the Journal every month. I ask again what is the matter with the whole Dogond lot anyhow?" Well, it is often excessive modesty. They are *dummies* on that account, but many underestimate the value of their contributions. There are young men and older ones who remain unknown, their ideas are lost to the bee-keeping world, and they lose money on account of this obscurity because they will not overcome the first disinclination to write for a Bee Journal, or get up in a convention.

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We regret to hear that Mr. Wm. McEvoy has been on the sick list for some time. We trust his recovery will be rapid.

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Some of the very people who at one time condemned footnotes to articles by the editor, are now asking for footnotes. We always favored footnotes and subscribers have in a measure a right to know what the editor's views are upon important points in the article. It, however, was not our desire to prevent articles being sent in and for that reason footnotes were largely excluded. There will be more footnotes in future and in making this statement let us remind our readers that an editor is only an individual and his views and comments are

of no greater weight than those of many others. Judge what is being said, be careful about radical changes, if you have been fairly successful, weigh well what changes you make and do not be afraid to send in questions. When doing so, write on one side of the paper only and express yourself as plainly as possible.

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This winter we have been in the beecellar five times, when all was silent as the grave. Such was the case to-day March 5th, at noon. We have visited the cellar about twice a week, generally some hive or other is making a slight noise—a distant murmur. There are 85 colonies wintered in the cellar, the balance are outside.

LATER, March 6th.—Last night I was in the cellar and again this morning. The cellar is as silent as the grave. No one would suspect the existence of a bee in the cellar. Temperature, 42°.

We are determined with the help of the present readers of the Canadian Bee Journal to largely increase our present circulation. Several new features have been added to increase the value of the Journal. A good deal has been said about our "New Weed Process" comb foundation and many would like to see the article and test it. To send to any one a free sample large enough to test is impossible, but we make the following offer good for sixty days. Those sending us a renewal will receive post paid, a sample of half a pound of the "New Weed Process," Medium Brood and Thin Surplus foundation. Those sending us a new subscriber at \$1 per annum will receive the same sample and in addition we will send a similar sample to the new subscriber. Remember there will be no express charges, the package comes free of charge to your post office, if you mention this offer.