

many to make an extra effort to send extracted and comb honey, bees-wax, etc., of the best quality. We are trying to arrange in conjunction with Mr. H. J. Hill, the energetic manager of the Toronto Industrial Association to get the best possible rates from leading points in Canada and the United States. Some may think it is early to move in this matter but we cannot begin too soon.

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We cannot at present tell what the winter losses have been. They appear to be much the same as other years.

**Wintering.** Some have wintered without the loss of a colony, others have lost almost all. Our own apiary after a careful examination appears to have wintered about the same as the winter of 1893-94. Three were lost in the cellar, but last fall many nuclei were united; these we think never winter as well as normal colonies.

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The Canadian Bee Journal has a very fair advertising patronage, and what makes matters even

Our more satisfactory is that Advertisers. quite a few stay with us from year to year. The circulation is good and we are constantly sending out large numbers of sample copies, of which our advertisers receive the benefit. It is unjust to judge the value of an advertisement from the number of enquiries; many sales are made through ads. for which the medium receives no credit, and it is upon this subject we wish to speak.

When our readers correspond with the Bain Bros, manufacturers of waggons, etc.; or Buck's Stove Works, or Canada Machinery and Supply Co., or Messrs. Chrysler, Myers or Dadants for supplies, or Manum or Sherrington for queens, or the Good Bicycle Co. for bicycles, or you see or correspond with their agents, let them distinctly understand you saw their ad. in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. We cannot hold ourselves responsible for our

advertisers, but we would like to say that any publication could feel proud of such patrons as we have. Again and again we have refused advertising and hard cash from men we did not think reliable or articles not of merit. All whose ad. appears in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL do business on business principles as far as we know.

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### Five-Banded Bees.

(Part of the report of the Michigan State Agricultural Station).

Having a desire to test the so-called five-banded bees, I introduced two queens of this variety in the spring of 1894. As in the case of so many other experiments, the unfavorable character of the season prevented anything like a fair test of their abilities as honey gatherers, yet it can be said that nothing appeared to show that they were lacking in this respect. Though called "golden Italians," I would have pronounced them anything but Italians judging from the disposition they exhibited. While they are not the most irascible of bees, they are yet very nervous and quick to manifest a recognition of intrusion, from which characteristic I should have judged them to be largely of Syrian blood. But the most marked characteristic exhibited by at least one of the two colonies was an inclination to rob. If there was any attack to be attempted on a colony or any chance to pry into a case of honey, about one-half the would-be thieves out of a large apiary were from one or both of these colonies. It is to be hoped that this peculiarity may stand them in stead in the gathering of nectar when an opportunity occurs.

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Bee-Keepers' Review.

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### Brant County Bee-Keepers' Association.

The quarterly meeting of the Brant Bee-keeper's Association will meet at the Court House Brantford, Saturday May 11th, afternoon 2 p. m. Business of importance will be transacted. Questions upon spring management and other subjects will be discussed. Kindly take notice and attend.

R. F. Holtermann, C. Edmonson.  
President. Secretary.

Brantford, April 20th, 1895.