

are held in place by  
of the colonies is slight  
during severe winters,  
falls as low as 0°F.,  
high as 75%.

some knowledge of  
a curious way of se-  
queen by tying her with  
y pin to the comb.

r is not used to secure  
ober, the colony is us-  
tilitated as to cause a

r when supplies were  
ones, who often disport  
the hive during the  
day, were sometimes  
mitted, and were even  
if they were strangers,  
the hive. During such  
rain, so far from stop-  
to give it a stimulus,  
the more rapid secretion  
flowers. I have been  
now comparatively few  
are resorted to by the  
n spring the blossoming  
lds of flowering cruci-  
and in summer mig-  
reeper, hollyhocks, and  
to possess the greatest  
curiously enough, there  
s to be seen working on  
uring the hot weather,  
scarce, the bees are  
d, and occasionally un-  
e sometimes meted out  
observer who has been  
d. In the evening, al-  
ay be full, the inmates  
than in the heat of the  
appear to vary consid-  
v. Some, even when  
d strongly, produce lit-  
ain; others, inflicted  
sing, as it were, have  
itation. It is probable  
many other respects  
very like their English

relatives. It will be interesting to see  
whether the introduction of English or It-  
alian queens will result in greater indus-  
try or whether their progeny, too, will  
succumb to the somewhat enervating in-  
fluence of climate and the summer and  
autumn droughts."

#### SPRING REPORT, DISTRICT NO. 5.

James Storer.

This season is very early to what we  
have been used to for a number of years  
in this district. Most bee-keepers put  
their bees on the summer stands about the  
25th of March, and they have been  
gathering pollen nearly every day since.  
My experience of last year was: Bees  
put on summer stands April 6th, no pollen  
came in until the 25th, the latest I ever  
knew. As far as I can learn bees are in  
good order; less than 2% will cover the  
winter loss. Of course there may be a  
few losses from queenlessness, or other  
unexpected causes, but at present they  
are strong and healthy, and most of them  
with sufficient stores for some time. The  
clover has not been winter killed to any  
great extent, and should we get the right  
kind of weather, we may get a crop of  
honey. Last year our clover honey sea-  
son started June 25th, and finished July  
15th. In this locality the fall flow of  
honey kept up until frost came, and the  
bees kept raising brood till it was almost  
time to put them away for winter. This  
gave a large number of young bees for  
winter. I saw a few hives opened from  
two different cellars, and they had sealed  
brood a couple of days after being put on  
summer stands. Don't you think this is  
rather unusual?

[It is unusual. The entire winter and  
spring has been unusual, and if we do not  
make unusual preparations for the com-  
ing season, we have a suspicion we will  
regret it. Thanks for your report. It was  
very thoughtful of you.—Ed.]

#### A PROTEST FROM BRITISH COL- UMBIA.

E. F. Robinson.

As a news item for B. C. readers of  
the Canadian Bee Journal, I may men-  
tion that our Department of Agriculture  
has appointed a Mr. Dundas Todd lec-  
turer to our Farmers' Institute meetings.  
I have protested against the appointment  
on the grounds that Mr. Todd has not  
had sufficient practical experience to pose  
as an instructor.

All his writings to "Gleanings" have  
been on tools: "How to Sharpen a Saw,"  
"How to Use the Hammer," "How to  
Use the Plain," etc., etc., His only two  
papers on the Bee question have been to  
acknowledge two glaring failures—Glean-  
ings, Jan. 15, page 53, on wintering; and,  
again Gleanings, Feb. 15, page 122, we  
find him worrying himself to death be-  
cause he knows of no method to feed a  
pollen substitute on January 1, attrib-  
uting his loss of matured bees to the lack  
of pollen. Certainly he needs posting,  
and when he tells the Editor of Canadian  
Bee Journal December, 1909, page 427,  
that all he knows of "practical manage-  
ment and control of bees" could be writ-  
ten on the back of a visiting card, he is  
nearing the truth.

I have been doing gratuitous pioneer  
work here for the last ten or twelve  
years, answering many of the enquiries  
made at the Department of Agriculture,  
visiting bee-keepers in trouble, and help-  
ing them out as best I could; producing,  
I believe, the largest quantity of honey  
in Victoria district, and have certainly  
made the largest and most comprehensive  
exhibit ever seen in our city. As I was  
receiving so many enquiries from the Ok-  
anaghan country for information, I offer-  
ed my services to the Government, but a  
few months engagement was not sufficient  
remuneration for me; if the office was  
permanent I offered to accept. In the  
mean time this 18 months Chicago stran-