

a subscriber for the past ten years, and time was when a very few minutes would suffice to digest all there was in it outside of extracts from the American journals. Different now, though. Why, the March number is meaty and full of interest from cover to cover. Have often been asked by beginners to recommend a good bee journal, and have usually mentioned one of the American journals, but now I feel that our own Journal is good enough for any one.

Talk about clover winter-killing! Well, if it's not killed here this winter I will never fear again. The fields since Feb. 6th have been practically covered with ice.

In March 15th number of "Gleanings" J. L. Byer says his bees simply roar when the temperature of his cellar goes up to 50°. Different here. The cellar at our out-yard has stood at 47° to 50° (and 50° most of the time) all winter, and never saw bees winter quieter and nicer. Some colonies with shallow entrances have been lying out all winter. This cellar has a more comfortable feeling when you enter it than the home one, where the temperature runs 42° to 45°.

Quite an idea, that, of Alpaugh's, of salt water as a preventative of disease. I fancy there may be something in it. Will try it this spring, anyhow. Have tried the artificial pollen, but never could get my fellows to work on it.

In regard to what you say, Mr. Editor, as to the respective merits of honey-boards and quilts, I would prefer the quilt in the spring of the year, as I think it will retain the heat of the colony better than the board, especially if the sealing of the board has been broken, as it should be before putting the colony in the cellar, to allow of a slight upper ventilation. Then, again, if you wish to examine a colony early in the spring, you cannot do so without exposing the whole top of the hive, while with the quilt you need only expose a frame or two at a time.

Renfrew, Ont.

A. A. FERRIER.

[Thanks, Mr. Ferrier, for your flattering remarks. We are glad to know that our efforts are being appreciated. It is not so much what we do ourselves, as the interest taken by our readers, and their readiness to take part in the discussion of matters of interest. There has been a decided improvement in this respect, and we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to our many friends for the interest shown. We are very pleased to receive the above from you, and hope to hear from you often.—Ed.]

#### APIARY INSPECTORS APPOINTED FOR 1909

1. J. S. Schrank, Port Elgin—Bruce and Huron.
2. D. Chalmers, Poole—Waterloo and Perth.
3. W. A. Chrysler, Chatham—Lambton, Kent and Essex.
4. John Newton, Thamesford—Middlesex and Elgin.
5. James Armstrong, Cheapside—Oxford and Norfolk.
6. J. Alpaugh, Eden—Wellington and Grey.
7. H. G. Sibbald, Claude—Simcoe, Dufferin and Peel.
8. Morley Pettit, Nixon—Brant, Halton, Wentworth, Haldimand, Lincoln and Welland.
9. W. Scott, Wooler—Northumberland, Peterboro, Hastings and Prince Edward.
10. J. L. Byer, Mt. Joy—Ontario, York, Victoria and Durham.
11. A. A. Ferrier, Renfrew—Renfrew, Lanark and Carleton.
12. J. Leslie McNaughton, St. Raphael West—Russell, Prescott, Glengarry.
13. M. B. Holmes, Athens—Lennox and Addington, Frontenac and Leeds.
14. Homer Burke, Highland Creek—Grenville, Dundas and Stormont.

You will note that the east has been given fuller representation, and a thorough inspection of the apiaries there should be a result of this year's work. There have also been some further subdivisions in the west so as to more thoroughly cover the field.

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