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We have appreciated, and felt grateful for, the many kind notices given to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL since it fell into our hands. We take the liberty in the present number of giving a few of the kind words sent us with renewals. We assure our many friends that both the words of approval and the renewals are much appreciated.

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Many a bee-keeper will wish to know if he shall use full sheets in sections and brood and surplus Comb Foundation combs or starters. We know of no successful comb honey producer, who uses in sections anything but full sheets of foundation. There is a greater difference of opinion about brood combs, yet very many favor full sheets. In using foundation we would say try and make the bees fasten the full sheets of foundation in the combs and partially or entirely build out the combs during the time the bees gather from spring blossom and fruit bloom. By doing this there will be less sagging and breaking down of comb. A strong swarm during a warm day, is not the most favorable condition under which to give the bees sheets of foundation in the hive. Use as many sheets as you can and let the balance be only a starter. We prefer a very narrow starter to a partial sheet. For extracted honey at least we would have nothing but full sheets in the brood chamber.

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We have just received word that F. A. Gemmell, Stratford The New Secretary Ont., has been appointed secretary of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, in place of the late Mr. Corneil. All membership fees should be sent to him at Stratford

On April 16th when we examined our entire apiary, there was not a particle of inclination to rob, and it was a pleasure to open hive after hive, and find the way in which the queen had been depositing eggs. The apiary is in exceptionally good condition. As we are not at present in the apiary during the greater part of the day, two weak colonies have been robbed out, since placing on the summer stands. These had gone into winter quarters weak, as when rearing queens some colonies are in poor condition. Another colony which had a queen introduced late in the fall, we thought safely, was queenless.

We are now writing on the 19th before going to press, and the bees had a splendid chance to work on maple and other blossoms. On the 16th, we found colony after colony with drone brood and the prospects are we shall have drones flying early. Should the weather change to cold and the gathering of natural stores be checked, the apiary should be carefully watched. The hive kept warm by means of packing above and the entrance contracted. Stores under such unfavorable conditions, after the stimulus of a good natural flow diminish rapidly and in this direction the bees should be watched. We find it a great comfort to have abundance of stores in the hive from the previous fall. From all directions come reports that bees have wintered well.

To many a colony on the verge of starvation, the favorable weather will mean salvation for the time being at least.

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It appears that the unpleasant task of saying something about the controversy going on between Dr. Mason Awards at and Mr. McKnight is left to Chicago. us. Until this hour we never looked closely into the merits of the claims of either party. We have felt inclined to allow everyone to make the most of the material in hand and have everything done in a friendly spirit. That this friendly spirit exists, even now,