

per hive. Last fall I built a bee-house on top of a hill facing the South, banked the back of the house about thirty inches in the clay ground, filled the wall with sawdust one-foot thick, and as I had not enough of sawdust, I filled part of one side and back with pea straw. When I examined them in February, there was ice in the boxes. I had put nineteen swarms into winter quarters. When I was making my bee-house it rained very hard, as it was late in the fall. I did not put in a floor, but I put a stove into the house to dry the ground. I looked at them a short time ago and there were six dead ones, so I put the rest up stairs to thaw the ice out of the boxes, and afterwards returned them to the bee-house, and they are now all dead but one.

EDMUND CAVERLY, STERLING, ONT.—I here-with forward you a report of last season's work. I began in the Spring with fifteen colonies, increased to twenty-five, mostly by natural swarming. A few of them were weak in the Spring, caused by cellar being new and walls damp. Extracted 1450 lbs., and took 30 lbs. comb honey from one colony during basswood harvest. On Nov. 19th I put 25 colonies and two nuclei in the cellar; I examined them this evening, April 14th, and find one colony has died from dysentery and four or five more are badly affected. Nuclei in fair condition. Snow going nicely, hope to get them out in a few days.

EDMUND DECEW, DECEWSVILLE, ONT.—Thank you for the timely appearance of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. I have long desired to see something more than fugitive pieces in isolated journals from your pen, and I think you have hit upon what exactly meets the requirements of our country. I don't keep many bees; am a new beginner though an old man. My profit last year was about ten dollars per hive, but I have lost heavily this winter. Illness prevented my crowding them together as you recommend for wintering. Our Haldimand Bee-Keeper's Association has been a success, and the interest is not declining. It is our good fortune to have an editor, (E. C. Campbell, of the Advocate), for our Secretary, and in that way we send a post card, with printed program, to each member previous to each meeting. Wishing you every success.

The Haldimand Bee-Keepers' are indeed to be congratulated upon having for the Secretary of their Association, such a thoroughly enthusiastic and progressive bee-keeper as is friend Campbell, and, if recollect aright, friend

DeCew was President for quite a time, which has a good deal to do with the interest which they have awakened in the art.

REV. D. PATTERSON, ST. ANDREWS, QUE.—The ground here is still deeply covered with snow and no possibility of bees being out for several days yet (April 13th). Last spring they were set out on the 9th and 10th of April. The extraordinary cold of the past winter, quite unprecedented in the steady continuance of it, froze tanks and wells and penetrated cellars, and has been fatal to one-fourth, at least, of the few colonies I possess, and I fear for some of the rest.

R. B. WOODWARD, M.D., SOMERSETT, O.—Enclosed you will find \$1 for the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. We are much pleased with the first two issues. My eleven colonies all wintered splendidly and are in fine condition. Fully one-half of the bees in this portion of the state died during the winter—they froze. I know colonies in box hives that died with from forty to fifty pounds of good honey in the hive. But all colonies properly prepared with the modern improvements, came through in good state.

W. ELSON, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—We are a long way ahead of you in the early season and I question if the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will be of much use to us. The bees were out in February and have been collecting the whole of this month, (March). The willow bloom was over by the 10th inst., and wild gooseberry and wild plum takes its place. I expect early swarming should this fine weather continue. Wishing you success in your venture.

Glad to hear that you are ahead of us in British Columbia; that is just the locality we want to hear from as often as possible. We learn more from those who are ahead of us than those who are behind. While you are ahead of us regarding the season, you may be behind when the year's returns are made up. We shall be pleased to receive reports of the weather and flora of the country. Tell us if you find any of the sage which produce such large crops of honey in California. We have no doubt but that British Columbia is a grand field for bee-keeping, and that those who embark in the business there will,