

agement, and at a meeting to be held at an early date will elect a secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

Winnipeg Man.

MILK PAINT FOR HIVES ETC.

The British Bee Journal gives the following cutting which may be of considerable interest and value to bee-keepers in this county. Milk is much cheaper than linseed oil if it will serve the same purpose; it is at least worth trying:—

"A use to which skim milk, sour milk, buttermilk, or even whole sweet milk is not often put is paint-making; yet it makes possibly one of the most enduring, respectable and inexpensive paints for barns and outbuildings, says the 'Worlds Work.'

It cost little more than whitewash, provided no great value is attached to the milk, and it is a question whether for all kinds of rough work it does not serve all the purposes and more of the ready-mixed paint, or even prime lead and paint mixed in the best linseed oil. It is made as follows, and no more should be mixed than is to be used that day: Stir into a gallon of milk about three pounds of Portland cement, and add sufficient Venetian red-paint powder (costing 1½d. per pound) to impart a good colour. Any other coloured paint power may be as well used. The milk will hold the paint in suspension, but the cement being very heavy, will sink to the bottom, so that it becomes necessary to keep the mixture well stirred with a paddle. This feature of the stirring is the only drawback to the paint, and as its efficiency depends upon administering a good coating of cement, it is not safe to

leave its application to untrustworthy or careless help. Six hours after painting, this paint will be as immovable and unaffected by water as month-old oil paint.

"In buildings twenty years old painted in this manner the wood was well preserved. The writers experience dates back nine years, when he painted a small barn with this mixture, and the wood to-day shows no sign whatever of decay or dry-rot. The effect of such a coating seems to be to petrify the surface of the wood. Whole milk is better than buttermilk or skim milk, as it contains more oil, and this is the constituent which sets the cement."

Beekeeping in Australia

Canadian Bee Journal,—

Compared with the experiences of your clients in Canada, Bee-keepers in the Commonwealth of Australia are in clover, seeing we have not any winters so cold and severe, however at times we get some trials quite out of the ordinary. I have kept in close touch with Bee-Culture for ten years and the rule is to have a good extracting, so soon as the weather is warm enough to do so, but at present we are having an exceptional season and for the first time in my experience, feeding has of necessity to be practices, to keep the bees alive.

With us swarming commences the latter end of August, lasting into October, depending whether, we have had, a mild or rough winter season. In mild weather we sometimes have well filled sections during the winter months, and in such cases, plenty of extracted is ready so soon as we get the hot sun, to enable it to be extracted.