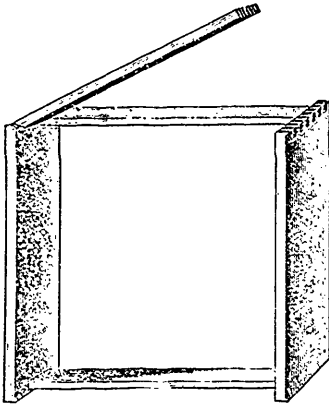


The Open Cornered and Split Top Bar Section.

We herewith illustrate an open cornered one piece section. Last season with some hesitation and, under the circumstances, a good deal of courage, the Gold, Shapley & Muir Co., Limited, put a section of this design upon the market. Being practical comb honey producers, they had found out the value of this feature. As the one



SPLIT TOP BAR.

piece sections are made to-day, with, we believe, the exception of those of the G. S. M. Co., the corners are closed and the opening in the top and bottom bar very much lessened. This tends to discourage the bees from entering the sections, and after they enter it tends to provide easier means of communication through the comb. Open the top and bottom bar as far as possible and the readier means of communication thus offered, diminishes the necessity for pop-holes in the sections. Last year a number of customers objected to the change, and it required some explanation and patience to carry the matter through. This year only one has objected to the open top and bottom bar. He handled sections to sell again, and in a letter he stated, that for his own use he had no objection to the new design, but some of his customers might object. In this way and for the benefit of bee-keepers, a great and valuable reform has been introduced. It has been done as the result of the practi-

cal experience of the company, and because they had the courage to face objections that they knew would be raised. If we are going to supply the British market, we must have comb well fastened to the wood and the cells filled and capped next the wood. Only this kind of honey can be shipped. Again the more perfect the section the better.

The illustration shows another new departure this season and one which will commend itself to almost all bee-keepers alike. The top bar is split and the comb foundation is pinched between the two sides of the top bar, thus in a moment it can be inserted and without the use of any foundation press, hot plate machine, etc., a machine which many cannot afford to purchase; a machine which often proves unsatisfactory and in any case requires patience, care and experience to work to proper advantage. The best way to insert the foundation in the new design of section is to insert the full sheet, putting it the desired depth below, holding the foundation in that position, press the second half of the section in place and then with a sharp-bladed knife cut off the remainder of foundation. Probably no class will appreciate this feature to a greater extent than those having a few bees, and who have dreaded the work of putting foundation in sections.

The Paris Exposition.

As the time is now fast approaching to commence making entries for the Paris exhibition of 1900, all who wish can do so by procuring the necessary forms of application from the secretary of the Canadian Paris commission, Ottawa, Ontario. The time for making entries closes on the first of June next, 1899. I would like to hear from all honey producers, particularly members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, at as early a date as possible who intend to send honey to this great fair.

I feel assured that the Dominion Government is both willing and prepared to do their part to make the honey exhibit a grand success. Further particulars will be given as soon as possible. In the mean time I would ask all intending exhibitors to write me at as early a date as possible, with any suggestions they desire to make re the Honey Exhibit at the Paris Exhibition.

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