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At another time we will tell you how to fix your bees for winter. You are not wintering correctly now. Perhaps some of our readers who winter in the cellar will give us a paper on this for Mr. Lee's benefit. Owing to your having so many swarms, your bees went into winter quarters too weak to come through.—Ed.]

MR. JONES COMMENTS

I note page 105 of the C.B.J., that Mr. D. Chalmers makes enquiries in regard to the starvation treatment for foul brood. He wishes to know how long the bees stand starving before they begin to fall. I have never had any practical experience with the method, but would be inclined to place the extreme limit at 24 hours. "It would be impossible, I should think, to fix any exact number of hours, as the time would vary according to season, whether honey was coming in freely or not. I would be guided by the number of bees which had fallen down.

I agree with you, Mr. Editor, when you say (page 87) that you would not dispense with a bee-space on top. Same here. I use the 9-1/4" Improved Model Hive. It has a grooved edge to keep them solid and square when tiered up. On account of this grooved edge it automatically, as it were, gives a bee-space below the frames when not piled on another hive, so I can, like Mr. Deadman, use a board or two as a bottom "in a pinch," and, incidentally, there is no danger of killing bees when set down by itself. They have a bee-space on top, anyway, so when I tier up there is only one bee-space.

I prefer the unbound zinc excluders, too. Their term of usefulness is practically unlimited, while the wood-bound is "bound" to go to pieces in a few years.

By the way, Mr. Editor, what about a Honey Market Department for the Journal, to give prices for honey from the whole Dominion, say from a couple of the largest cities in each province. It need not take a whole page. The American

Bee Journals do this, but then their prices differ widely from ours, and we are Canadians and independent of them.

HARRY W. JONES.

[Thanks, Mr. Jones. We will try and give the markets as far as possible.—Ed.]

NOT SO GREEN AS HE THINKS HE IS

In reference to writing you regarding my experience in bee-keeping, I may say I am only a novice at the business as yet, and if I told you of my experiences, I am afraid you would only laugh at them; neither am I a good hand at writing. I gain a lot of information from bee journals, but I find that actual experience, although sometimes painful, is much better than reading. I have had very good success with my bees so far. I have not had a very vast experience yet, as I have only five colonies, which produced about 350 pounds of honey last season. Wishing your paper success.

WM. R. COLLIE.

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[Thanks for your enclosure, Mr. Collie. As for your writing up your experience, we think you are unnecessarily modest. It would take a good deal of presumption on our part to laugh at a bee-keeper in Manitoba who can get 350 pounds of honey from five colonies. We think your results are remarkably good. It would certainly be a great aid to some bee-keepers in the West to know how you manage your bees. If you are only a novice at the business, you are a good one. It would be very interesting to know how you winter your bees, and when you place them on the summer stands. We insist that you must write us something along this line; your plea of not being able to write won't do. The average bee-keeper is not a college man, but he writes, just the same. We will look for you in our May number.—Ed.]

HE FLATTERS US

Clover Killed — Temperature — Alpaugh's Idea—Prefers Quilt to Honey-board

I must congratulate you on the last few numbers of the C.B.J., and the March number in particular. I have been