

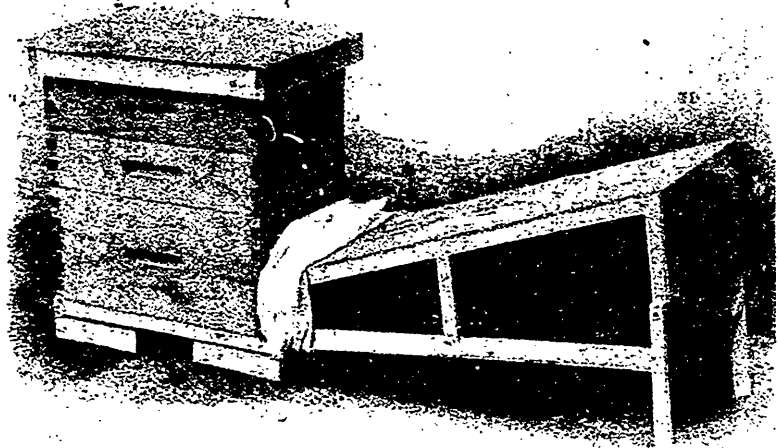
Taylor's Swarm Catcher.

An appropriate subject for this month's JOURNAL is the Swarm Catcher. This is a great convenience in the apiary, small or large. It is placed at the entrance of the hive when the swarm just begins to issue. The swarm is caught in the self hiber and it can be kept there by closing every opening tightly. To be successful

the cellar or a cool dark place. The Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., Limited, advertise them at \$1.00 each; in lots of five \$4.00.

A Report.

I beg leave to renew old acquaintance by subscribing for the Canadian Bee Journal, herewith find \$1. I have always been more or less interested in bees. I have had only two years experience, but feel confident that it will work in very nicely as a side line in connection with fruit growing and general farming. I was afraid of this cold drop and have not put



the swarm catcher must be in place as quickly as possible after the swarm issues, the cloth, as seen in the illustration, must close the least opening between the catcher and hive. After the swarm has entered the "catcher" it can be removed, and if desired kept in the latter for hours.

The advantage is that swarms can be kept from uniting, and no one needs to climb and run after them. A child can catch the swarms in this way, when they could not have them in any other. A farmer need not come in from a back field but the bees can be left in these swarm catchers until noon or evening. If the bees are to be kept in the Swarm Catcher for some hours, it is better to put them in

my bees out yet, they appear to be wintering nicely.

W. CRAIG.

Quebec, April 5th, 1898.

Bees have wintered well, lost two out of fifty-four. The two lost were queenless, they must have lost their queens late in the fall. The prospects are good for a honey crop here this season if nothing happens. The soft maple buds are beginning to open, but the weather is a little too cool for the bees just now. Clover is fine, never was better at this time in the spring, but it all depends on the weather for the next two or three weeks.

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Darling Road, Ont., March 23rd. 1898.