

to serve the best interests of bee-keepers and that he wanted to help in some way. He had something which he thought would be of great value to bee-keepers. It is free to all. The article will require illustrating and it will appear in due time. Captain Hetherington writes "on the wing," just as the war with Spain is breaking out. Many of us who do not believe in war to satisfy mere national honor, will wish Captain Hetherington well in the cause of humanity and that he and his may have that motive in view and come safely through the dangers ahead.

A great many suggestions have been made for hive stands and alighting boards,

but we have yet to see anything better in the shape of an alighting board, than that shown by John Perie, at the Toronto Exhibition some years ago. There are two holes for wires in the front board of hive, then a board beveled on one side so as to give it a proper slope, has two wires, one end fastened to the board the other hooked into the holes in the front board of the hive. This board slopes to the ground and enables the bees to reach the hive from the ground. When cutting the grass these boards can be detached and the grass cut about and under them. We prefer a regular stand under the hive of the same length and width as the hive, but bricks at the four corners will answer the purpose.

For many years we have not had the promise of so bountiful a honey harvest.

Clover generally, is in splendid condition. Bee-keepers should see at once that they have the necessary appliances. The Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., Limited has its factory running night and day. They never had so much wax sent in to be made up. It is quite a common thing to have 150 to 400 lbs. come in to be made up, whilst in other years this was made up by local men and the change is

in part due to the excellence of the new Process patent foundation, yet it also shows the demand for bee goods, owing to good wintering and present prospects for the honey flow. Therefore order early. Comb foundation has been steadily advancing and it is a question if there will be sufficient wax in time to supply the demand.

Owing to the shortage in the rain fall, the California honey flow is likely to be very short. The Rural Prospects of Honey Californian just before the honey season devotes considerable space to articles on "Feeding Bees," "Preparing Bees for Dry Weather," etc. If Canada gets a good honey flow, the shortage in a California honey crop is likely to help our honey in the British market.

At this date of writing, May 24, the prospects for the bee-keeper are bright indeed. Clover never was better and basswood trees in this vicinity are loaded with blossom. The Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., Limited, are running over three hundred colonies this season, and in passing we cannot help but be amused at the statements persistently made by some when they say that the company are supply dealers and not bee-keepers. A company that manufacture goods and use them extensively as well, should have the very best opportunity of selecting and making what is suitable for bee-keepers. and their ever increasing volume of business tends to show that bee-keepers generally appreciate the fact. The company's factory has been running night and day and every man that could be used engaged, and yet they are behind in orders, perhaps not as much as some others, who have less facilities for turning out goods, but enough to make customers who expect goods to be sent at once, feel very unpleasant. The Root Company, on