

alive to date. Last year was very poor with us, we got no honey at all but are living in hopes of a better season.

Middows, N. B. Mar. 28th 1889.

J. GEIGER.—I have found pleasure and profit in the perusal of the Canadian Bee Journal for the past 4 years. I commenced with the first number of the first volume and I wish to continue it right along.

North Dansville, N. T. Mar. 22nd 1889.

LOST IN 25.

A COTTIS.—I renew my subscription to the C. B. J. with great pleasure as I have received much profit from reading it. My report was sent to you from Mount Forest convention. Of the 25 colonies which I packed in clamps, 2 have died thus far, the rest of them are in a very good condition.

Edgerton, Mar. 28th 1889.

WORTH A DOLLAR.

J. C. McDONALD.—Enclosed find subscription for JOURNAL. I do not think I could do without it. My bees are all right. I winter them on summer stands; they have had a fly every month this winter, even February, and I am sure there are no more dead bees than if they had not had a fly at all, for I could tell by the snow if there was. The JOURNAL is worth the dollar itself without any premium.

Nicol, April 4, 1889.

CORRECTIONS.

G. A. DEADMAN.—Re-article in C. B. J.—In illustration you have blocks turned the wrong way and the rows are too close to look well. It would be about right with the center row out. When blocks are set right way the bees when heavily laden walk up them into the hive but as you have it they would go under—besides when uniting you could not place the hive in the four ends of the blocks, as described. On the 9th line from bottom of page 8, 1st column, "should read side not spile—and "with" instead of without in page 7, 2nd column. Possibly the last two corrections may be deemed unnecessary.

Brussels, March 30th, 1889.

POLLEN MARCH 17.

JOHN NEIL.—I wintered 18 colonies packed in chaff all of which came out in good shape. I first saw them bringing in pollen on the 17th March. Last season was a very poor one for honey. I took 52 lbs per colony of extracted honey. I am very much pleased with the C. B. J. and would not be without it.

Lieury P. O., Mar. 26th 1889.

We do not think you have any reason to complain if you succeeded in obtaining 52 lbs per colony spring count last season. There are but few bee-keepers in the county who succeeded so well.

IN THE GREAT NORTH WEST.

J. KNOWLES.—My bees are doing finely, gave them a fly on 21st Feb. The temperature 60° above zero all day. I placed them in the cellar

the same evening where they have remained quiet ever since. The temperature in the cellar is 35° to 40° and is very dry. No snow at all, the ground dry and dusty with no extreme cold weather. Cattle feeding on the prairies every day; no storms of any kind. How will this do for the north pole which is so much dreaded with cold and storms.

Edmonton, Alberta, N. W. T.

"PROSPECTS NOT ENCOURAGING.

THOMAS RAMAGE.—It is with much pleasure that I renew my subscription to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. As long as the bees last I cannot do without it. Last year was the worst year that I have seen and the present year I do not expect to be up to the average, because there is not much alsike clover in this part. It did not succeed last year on account of the drought, and basswood bloomed abundantly last year. The bloom will be light this year and the white clover was badly hurt; so all things considered the honey harvest will not be large in this part. I put 21 colonies into winter quarters; I cannot say as yet how matters may turn out, but I will report my luck in three or four weeks.

Richview, April 3rd, '89.

WINTERING IN AIR-TIGHT HIVES.

J. P. COCKBURN.—The three colonies which I had wintered so successfully last year, gave me about 350 lbs. of comb honey (no extracted), and increased to seven. I packed all away in an air tight case, double wall, packed four inches with fresh damp sawdust, top the same. I do not expect to see them this year till they can gather pollen, as I put them into winter quarters, in Jones' hives, weighing 90 lbs., with airtight packing over the top, leaving the entrance to the hive only open, but no external opening into the box. This keeping the thermometer at 45° is with my experience a very great mistake, but I will know all about it as soon as I see my bees opened up, and will report. I clipped my queens last year and found it a great advantage, as my wife or children could generally secure the queen and telephone for my assistance.

Gravenhurst, March 20, 1889.

MOISTURE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HIVE

W. F. MACPHERSON.—What is the cause of water being at the front of the hive of bees near the entrance during the winter months.

Prescott, March 26th, 1889.

It is because the temperature in the hive is too low. The moisture that escapes from the bees condenses and forms little pools of water on the bottom board, frequently running out at the entrance of the hive. If the temperature in the bee house were raised this moisture would be driven off. Where the bees do not generate sufficient heat to keep the temperature inside of the hive sufficient to prevent the condensation of moisture, it may be raised by the addition of a few hot bricks placed on the top of the hive.