

the case next fall I am led to exclaim, What a wasteful way of doing business. He has 500 pounds of honey that he is apparently in trouble about. Now suppose this honey had been evenly distributed among the fifteen colonies that were destroyed they would then have been in good shape for winter as far as stores are concerned. With a little more trouble these fifteen colonies of bees might have been made the source from which a good sum of money could have been realized. If a person has to buy feed for such a large number of colonies the question assumes quite a different aspect. According to friend W's. own statement, he anticipates having a good deal of surplus stock the coming season. I do not think friend W. has tried very hard to dispose of his surplus bees, and as I did not hear of him giving any away, this is probably why he took the course he did. Other bee keepers here seemed to have little difficulty in disposing of their surplus stock at fair prices. Is it not just as childish to talk of giving bees away, as it is cruel to kill the busy bees after they have worked so hard for their owner; I think it is. Giving bees away without any remuneration whatever, is a thing out of the question, in a common sense line. What is the use of an apiarist working for increase of stock, and then giving them away or destroying them. Would it not be better to sell some of the wintered colonies at a fair price early in the spring, or sell them by the pound or convert them into money in one way or another rather than manuring the garden with them, or gratuitously start someone who would probably run you a stiff opposition in a year or two. I find that the spring is a good time to sell bees. Many people will then invest in bees as they get rid of wintering which to many is a much dreaded part of bee-keeping. To find these people who would be likely to purchase, I would say advertise in some good live bee publication like the C. B. J. and I do not think he will have much trouble killing off his surplus stock of bees in the fall. I hope he will find some way or other of disposing of his surplus rather than the way which he practiced last fall.

W. J. SMITH.

Monticello, Feb. 7th, 1890.

You bring out the very point which has struck us in connection with this matter, viz: That there are not very many bee-keepers who will care to give away bees to their neighbors, because of the danger to their own market for honey, but there yet remains the plan of disposing of the surplus bees immedi-

ately the honey-flow is over, by advertising them at low figures, and sending them a distance away.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Observations.

I AM glad to observe that steps have been taken to obtain legislation regarding foul brood, though I must confess I should have liked to have seen the Bill before it was introduced. Would it not have been a good idea to have the Bill published in the BEE JOURNAL, so that all its readers could have had an opportunity of suggesting changes, if any are required, before it becomes law. While the framing of the Bill was in good hands, still it is possible there may have been something omitted. Perhaps, however, we may all have a chance of seeing the bill before it comes to the third reading.

"Observer" will please note that it is our intent '02 to publish the Bill as soon as it appears in print.—Ed.

I read all the advertisements in the Journals, and I have noticed that the words "nothing patented" are left out of the last ones inserted by our friend A. I. Root. Is this to be taken as evidence that A. I. is receding from the strong position he has always taken regarding patents.

I think that you have told us that your subscription list ran up to or over 2500, and I suppose the most of them are beekeepers. While many of them reside outside the Province of Ontario, yet I suppose I would be safe in saying that at least 1500 do live within the Province. That article you had regarding the Ontario beekeepers' Association would therefore come under the notice of at least the 1500 subscribers, whom I am presuming are provincial. Now, what I want to know is, How many of them have acted on the article and sent their membership fee to the secretary? There are surely 500 of them who will need a new smoker next season, and in this event wouldn't it be a piece of shortsightedness on their parts to pay you \$1.25 for a smoker, which they can obtain from the Association for \$1.00, and at the same time become possessed of the rights and privileges of a member. I am a member of the O.B.K.A. and I know whereof I speak, though I am not known there by the name of

OBSERVER.

Now is the time for supplymen and those having bee fixtures to dispose of to advertise, and no better medium could be selected than the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.