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I have been asked to give in the April number the plan of an apiary. The question for the present number is **Plan of an apiary.** THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL happens to be along the same line. In laying out an apiary, several points must be kept in mind. First of all, the location has to be considered. Where there is plenty of room I believe in keeping the hives well apart. I am not sure, but I am inclined to think that many bees humming, flying and roaring about in a limited space tends to swarming. Then we want to study convenience. I like to keep well out of the range of flight, and for that reason have two rows back to back, and room enough to wheel a barrow or walk between. I arrange the hives in pairs and work from the side. I dislike irregular setting when examining hives, extracting, etc., as it is a difficult matter to keep track of those which have been examined. A tree, a shrub, any small landmark, materially assists the bees in locating themselves. Order, neatness, convenience, and the like, are no mean factors to consider when locating an apiary.

At this date of writing, March 14th, all genuine colonies of bees have been placed on their summer stands. Every colony that came from the cellar came out alive. Mr. S. T. Pettit, Brantford, Ont, who certainly understands the wintering of bees, was here while some of them were set out, and he stated

they had wintered well. We have been able to set them out much earlier by taking a horse and scraper and clearing the snow away from the apiary. The first were set out on the 6th and 7th, and many more on the 10th and 12th.

So much for our own apiary. As far as present reports go, which, however, may be quite misleading, bees have wintered well. I do not like unseasonable weather and hope that we shall not have sufficient warm weather to bring maple into blossom, and then have cold weather during the time it blossoms. Such weather prevents bees from building up.

Clover has come well through the winter. It caught well last fall, and although it may yet be injured there is much in favor of the contrary. This should be the year for Linden to yield. Bee-Keepers, if present prospects continue until the first week in April, should prepare for a good honey season. Remember, if you all wait until the last minute, and then expect to be supplied with goods promptly, many will be disappointed.

A small space left in the editorial page gives me a chance to say that in sheltered spots soft maple is in full bloom at this date of writing (March 19th). In more exposed localities, however, it is not so far advanced, and if the weather keeps cool it may not be out for some time. Bee-keepers should make sure that their bees have plenty of stores to draw on, and then leave the bees alone.