

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

### BEE NOTES WORTH KNOWING.

**A**T this season of the year bees should be left in perfect quietude and not molested in the least. We should study more carefully the nature and wants of our bees, and be able to apply such remedies as will most effectually overcome obstacles detrimental to the interests of the apiarist. The wintering problem seems to be the greatest trouble now with many who have but recently commenced keeping bees, which, in order to succeed, should be carefully studied and put in practice, so as to conform to natural laws governing the successful wintering of all farm stock. Bees can be managed with greater success and with much less trouble in a good movable frame hive, than can possibly be done in the old round log or box hives of olden times, and will procure our honey in a more desirable shape for market. It is now the proper time for all who contemplate going into the business of keeping bees on a large or small scale, to procure a sample hive, and manufacture all hives needed for 1887. Time is money to the bee-keeper, hence all implements for the apiary should be in proper trim and ready for the coming season. Never allow your bees to swarm naturally or the old fashioned way, as did our fathers and mothers of olden time, but be sure to use a good movable frame hive and practice artificial swarming, and, by so doing, you will save much valuable and precious time. We will in due time give our readers a lesson in artificial swarming, as well as explain how to raise queens to supply all new swarms and save precious time. There is no other stock on the farm that can increase as fast as bees. Oftentimes, if managed rightly, will pay the apiarian ten hundred per cent, and will gather and store a full supply of honey for their winter's food, and a surplus besides for their keeper. Look well to the interest of your bees, and our word for it they will pay you in a golden harvest as your reward for all your trouble.

J. M. HICKS.

Buttleground, Ind.

### BEES PACKED IN CLOVER CHAFF.

LEVI RICKARD.—I have been very much pleased with your BEE JOURNAL and should have sent the money before this but have been so busy that I have neglected it. My bees have done splendidly the last year. I had twenty-six swarms last spring; increased to fifty-two. Had one thousand pounds comb honey and 500 pounds extracted honey. I wintered my bees on their summer stands in chaff hives packed with clover chaff. My bees are in splendid shape for winter, and I think will come through all right.

Charlotte, Mich.

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Now that we are using so much perforated metal cut into narrow strips, it is not good economy to have so much selvage on our large sheets. We are endeavoring to see if the firm who punch our sheets cannot do so with less margin.

We have been fitting up in our office the past week a complete sample-room of all the goods we manufacture and sell, so that in future we can show to visitors samples of all our goods without going all over the premises. This will save us much time in the honey season.

KIND WORDS FROM DR. MILLER.

That man whom all the "States" claim, says of the C. B. J., the following complimentary words:—

"Now that time enough has elapsed since the commencement of the C. B. J. I can form a pretty fair estimate of its character. I am disappointed in it—quite agreeably disappointed. I knew you could keep bees, but didn't know you could keep up week after week making a paper whose visits I would so eagerly look for. Long may you wave."

A MISLEADING PARAGRAPH.

Would it not have been better had our friends of the *Bee-keepers' Magazine* explained the meaning of the item which we quote here a little more fully:—

"We understand that friend Arthur Todd received a special medal at the Mount Holly Fair for honey and honey manufactured."

We take it that by this is meant candies and other articles manufactured from honey, but the uninitiated would take it as meaning *manufactured* honey. To prove that this is the case we handed the paper to one or two friends and asked them what conclusions they would draw from the paragraph. They promptly replied that they supposed he had exhibited honey manufactured from other substances. It is always wise to be very explicit in matters of this kind, especially in bee-papers.

THE POET LAUREATE OF THE BEE WORLD.

It is a rather significant fact that we should, in the same issue re-publish the *Bee-keepers' Magazine* prize poem and a review of new work in poetry by the same author. Rev. W. F. Clarke, with all his hobbies and pet theories, stands to-day, in our estimation, at the head of