

some of the important points in the production of comb honey. A clean hive and combs not too old, the newer the better.

Comb foundation filling the section as completely as possible, putting it in true and just allow it to swing clear in the section from the top bar.

Ventilation not through the top of hive, but only through the lower portion.

We have this year no reason to change our minds on the above our conclusions are rather confirmed. In addition we recognize more than ever the importance of having a quarter inch space above the sections. As far as cleanliness is concerned we see no great difference when the top bar of the section becomes travel stained, the comb honey is also no longer white, we have tried both plans extensively and favor the bee-space. By using the space above and thus giving the bees a passage way over the sections they are less liable to leave what we call "pop holes" in the sections. It may of course be claimed, although the grounds are not good, that an extremely well filled section does not add to the commercial value of the comb honey. This may be true but if we can raise the general standard in the country, much will be gained. An even weight of sections, a pleased eye, and greater safety in shipping which is secured in a well fastened section are things to be desired, and will add to the rapidity with which comb honey is marketed. If for no other than selfish reasons everyone should strive to raise the standard of our honey both comb and extracted. To argue that such information will enable others to produce as good an article as our own is short sighted.

Coming Items of Interest.

Amongst other items of interest in the next number of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will appear an article by C. W. Post, Trenton.—"An Experiment in Wintering with 400 Colonies of Bees"; "Queen Rearing," continued from the British Bee Journal; "Out-Door Wintering with Least Labor," Will Ellis, St. Davids; "Something New," W. C. Wells, Ont.; "Convention Reports."

Bees Infuriated—What To Do.

—S. T. Pettit.

On page 588, *American Bee Journal* Query No. 947, reads—What would you do, suppose the bees in your apiary had become unmanageable by careless handling, accident or otherwise, so that they would sting everything in sight?

2. Have you ever known such a state of affairs in your experience?

I may say that I was a good deal interested in reading the 27 answers; then it occurred to me that a few additional suggestions might be helpful.

P. H. Elwood says "run," but I would not do that, for running greatly encourages them to sting. There is much of human nature in bees. Seven say subdue them with smoke, and some would use water as well. Eight would wait until they got over their fury. Some other answers are also given. Prof. Cook says, "I should use smoke and if that failed, use a bee tent which always subdues even the most vicious." To this I reply that probably not one-half of the bee keepers in America have tents, and I am one of them; then too, by the time you could get your tent in position your bees would be "just awful."

G. M. Doolittle says "leave them severely alone for two weeks and they will forget all about it." So they will, but if I open a hive for any purpose. I want to go right on with it at once, and then there may be other hives near by that need immediate attention, and the plan of waiting may be attended with inconvenience and loss. My remedy is short, easy and sure.

HOW TO DO IT.

Close the hive quickly, entrance and all. Now turn the smoker on and about yourself, and the bees that are out, as they suppose upon the important duty of self preservation, will very soon return to the hive, and finding themselves shut out, like a branch severed from the vine, will immediately begin to weaken, droop and wither, and their courage and viciousness are speedily gone. Now their legs seem shorter and their wings are flat on their backs, and poor things, they are in a bewildered and forlorn frame of mind, and you cannot make them fly and sting. But not so yet with those shut in the hive; they are full of rage and fight. Now give at the entrance (don't let any bees out) several heavy puffs of smoke, and rap on the hive and smoke alternately for one minute.