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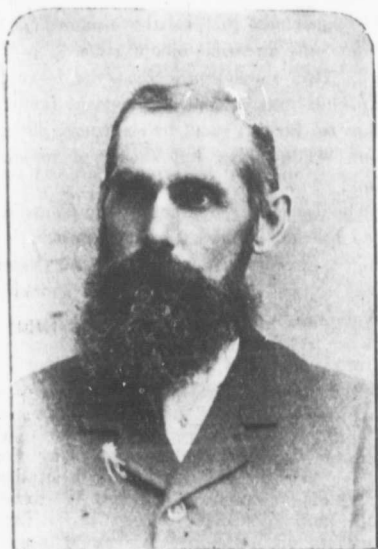
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Treasurer-elect, O.B.K.A.

CAN A ONE-ARMED MAN BECOME A BEE-KEEPER?

Please send me a sample copy of your paper, the Canadian Bee Journal. At the same time, would you kindly inform me whether you think it possible for a one-armed man to be a success as an apiarist? I have lost my left arm and am looking for an easy way of making a living. I am very energetic and had some experience with bees years ago, but am wondering whether I should be able to take the swarms with only one arm. I should be glad of any advice you can give me on the subject.

B. O. ROBERTS.

[Without the slightest hesitation we would recommend you to take up bee-keeping. Necessity is the mother of invention. You will devise ways and means of overcoming many difficulties—your energy and ambition will see you through. We would not advise you to embark too heavily at first. Get thoroughly acquainted with the work, and fit yourself to it, so to speak. The difficulty of handling swarms can very largely be overcome by

managing your bees in such manner as to have no swarms. And if one should occasionally swarm, you can easily secure it (if you are on the spot at time of swarming, because if you are not you might lose it, even if you had three arms) by having a box about 8 or 10 inches both ways by 18 inches deep. Nail to the side of this a small stick that the hand can grasp nicely. Bore a number of half-inch auger holes on the four sides of this box—say, about a dozen holes on each of the four sides. If by holding this up you can shake your swarm into it, well and good; if not, lay the box on the ground under the swarm, and, by any means available, shake the bees down upon the box. They will rush into it like a hive and stay there as long as you wish. Then, taking your time, move the hive out of which the swarm came to a new location, placing the new hive to receive the swarm on the old stand where the swarm issued from. By this time the bees will have nicely settled in and around your swarm-box. Pick it up and put the handle over your shoulder and carry your bees where you like. They will not leave it and they will not sting you. When you have arrived at the old stand, dump the bees out before the hive, and in they will go with a rush. By the use of a hook instead of the arm, you can lift your supers on and off or about as you like. There may be much to learn, but you will like the learning of it, and we have no doubt of your success. Consult us often, and we will aid you all we can. We would advise that you go in for extracted honey at first. Experience will tell you whether or not it will suit you to go in for comb honey later. Of course, you will subscribe for the C. B. J. and urge your friends to do so also? Here's wishing you Godspeed!—Ed.]

THINKS THE C.B.J. IMPROVED

Burton N. Gates, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., writes us under date of Dec. 14th as follows: "The last number of C.B.J. is just to hand. The best yet! I do not recall having seen greater improvement in any one paper of the bee-keeping press in so short a time as in this one. Keep it up! Gleanings from the foreign periodicals is a good move. Those fellows over there are hustlers when it comes to natural history observations."

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