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and the bees have had a good cleans-ing flight, examine each hive care-fully. Clean off the bottom board, re-move all drone combs, and replace with worker combs, and see that each hive has plenty of unsealed stores, always remembering to give the queen plenty of room to expand the brood-nest. See that the hive has plenty of protection from the cold winds and rains in the early spring. The weather will be plenty cool enough in our country to warrant leaving the pack-ing around the colonies that were win-tered on their summer stands, until June 1st. Contract the entrances to the needs of each colony, as there will be plenty of robbers about as long as there is nothing to be got in the fields. See that there is plenty of water-in a shallow tub or trough set in a sheltered place in the apiary. Bees must have water, in addition to honey and pollen, to rear brood, in order to have plenty of worker-bees for the honey harvest when it comes. Use plenty of paint and putty on your old hives this spring. It will keep out the rain and many a cold gust of wind that would otherwise be so de-ment to brood-rearing in early spring. There are plenty of systems of management appearing from time to time in the C.B.J., and each reader must choose the system that will best suit his locality. In conclusion I would say, there are plenty of bee-keepers in our Dominion that could and should give their experiences through the C.B.J. Send along your contributions, brethren, and help the Editor to make the Journal the best.

April it will be nearly six months since the most of us saw the inside of a hive full of bees. Seems to me, unless bees were properly prepared for winter about the last of Septem-ber, and given enough stores to last them till fruit bloom comes, the chances for a honey crop are not very bright. Spring feeding, in my opinion, excites the colony, and causes bees to go out in unseasonable weather. In this locality, bees that are wintered in cellar are put on their summer stands the first or second week in April. Pollen begins to come in about the 14th of April, but more seasons not till near the end of the month. Knowing that your bees have suffi-cient stores, no good purpose, except curiosity, can be served by pulling the bees' house down about them till warm weather sets in. About the middle of May, when fruit bloom comes in, we should start and over-haul every hive and clip the queen's wings, and, if necessary, stimulate with feed, or remove honey if there is too much in the hive. Any bee-keeper having 200 colonies can find employ-ment and not many leisure moments if he gives his bees the proper care from May to September, and most of seasons make a comfortable living.

Like Mr. Balmer, I have often no-ticed bees remove honey from the out-side frames to the centre of brood nest in the fall of the year.

My ninety colonies in the cellar at home seem to be wintering nicely. No spots on the fronts of hives so far. Out-yard, having about eighty col-onies, was in good shape about six weeks ago. In sending reports to bee journals, bee-keepers sometimes make too much of a show at the beginning of the season. The press of the coun-try then copies the reports and say that we are sure of a good honey crop,