

We tried it years ago and it worked first rate. We have had good success with the way we usually adopt, and think it less trouble. Thanks for mentioning the matter, it will be new to many and perhaps save many queens.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

#### LOCATION—FALL WORK—FOUL BROOD.

I SEE by the C. B. J. that bee-keepers are getting more honey than I am or any of the bee-keepers around here. Have made scarcely any section honey. Two bee-keeper's of about 50 colonies each have only a small quantity of extracted honey. It looks discouraging to me to read reports of the bees of others gathering honey so fast and ours gathering so little. I am going to give you my location, and the care I have given my bees. The land is high and slightly inclined to the west, I put up a fence to break the west wind as it strikes here very hard. They get the first rays of the morning sun. At the south is the orchard. Would it be better to place them in that and break the rays of the sun? There is a small stream about eighty rods off. The weather from the first of May till the 25th of June was very dry. The white clover, which is usually abundant here in pasture, did not blossom here this season, and what did was of very short duration. Alsike clover was of very inferior growth this year. After June 25th we had two weeks of cool showery weather with very cool nights; after this we had a few pleasant days but very cool nights. During the time basswood was in blossom it was cool and cloudy more than half the time. I made the entrance to hives small during the cool nights. This summer I have used what is called the "Simplicity" hive. The frames are shallow. I see by the JOURNAL I made a mistake here. If my bees do not die this winter I shall have some of the Jones' hives next year. The colony of bees I received of you May 27, have increased to four. The first swarm came off July 10; second 15 third 16; the last was the best third swarm I ever saw. I examined them Aug. 19, and found six frames filled with comb and brood but no honey. Is it necessary for successful wintering to spread the frames? Should they be spread when feeding or when packed away for winter? When they are packed away in clamp is there not danger of their coming out in spring before it is time to unpack them? I see of late in the C. B. J. a good deal about foul brood in hives. In what way is it distinguished? How does it

affect the bees, etc., and what can be done to prevent it.

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If they are well protected on the west, allow them to get the morning sun, as those that the sun's rays strike first are usually the first to go forth to the field. In very hot weather we think they would be better in orchard in the shade, but to attempt to change them now would necessitate much labour, as they would have to be moved only a few feet every day in order to prevent the loss of bees; if moved at once the old bees would go back to the old location and fly around until they perished. If the combs have much sealed honey at the top it would probably be better not to spread them as they would be bulged in in the centre and narrow at the top, but if they have little or no sealed honey then spread them and feed best granulated sugar syrup so rapidly that the bees will have to store it and seal it up after they have lengthened the cells. There should be no danger because they should have food enough to keep them from starving; however, if such is not the case, the top of the packing may be removed and the bees fed sufficient to keep them till fruit bloom. We have issued a pamphlet of 32 pages on foul brood, which describes it fully. It costs ten cents, and it would have taken several numbers of the JOURNAL to publish all that is contained in it. We think every person who keeps bees should have one, and if you get one and think it is not worth more than the price, you may return it after you read it.

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#### THE WISCONSIN HONEY FLOW.

THOSE sample honey labels which you sent me are indeed very beautiful. I don't know how they could be made any more attractive. If I had much honey to sell I should certainly want some of them, but we have had a very poor season for bees in this vicinity—