

between the end hive and the outside board and leaving eight inches between the front of the hives and the front of the clamp and eighteen inches behind the hives and the back of the clamp. I then laid a piece of lath on each side of the entrance to the outside of the clamp and laid a board across on top of the laths, leaving an entrance from the outside to the inside, of ten inches and the full width of the entrance. To keep the bees from flying I stood a small board against the front of each hive which served the purpose of keeping the snow from blowing into the hive. My plan was such a success that when I looked into one of the hives on the ninth of this month I noticed brood in some of the frames from the top to the bottom. Bee-keepers in this locality have lost quite heavily and in some cases, every colony.

WM. H. WESTON.

London South, May 18th, 1885.

The way in which you prepared them for Winter is another proof of what we have said many times; with proper preparation success is sure. Putting your combs two and a half inches apart, left large spaces under for the bees to cluster, thus furnishing heat for each other. A few experiments like yours every year will teach many others the necessity of following the example of those who are successful. You should shave off the tops of the combs and crowd them up closer together that brooding may go on more rapidly.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A REPLY FROM MR. BROWN.

FIND that a letter of mine published in No. 5 of the BEE JOURNAL has stung an M. D., but a little rub of your salve, "forget all about it" will make it all right. I have no apology to make, but yet think the committee appointed did not do their duty. The O.B.K.A. at Toronto voted unanimously to try and have the duty taken off beeswax, and a committee was appointed to carry out this object. The Doctor seems to prophesize that if I had a large apiary they would all die. I might profit by the N. P., getting a big price for my wax, but we passed through that ordeal and sold no wax. I replenished by the pound from Friend, Root, Medina, O. You see I like a little trade with the Americans. I was five and a half years among them, and found them fine fellows. I find bees require proper management and atten-

tion, and as long as my health will prevent my falling into the hands of an M. D., they shall have attention, and such management as will tide them over other Winters just as severe as the one just past. Men will learn something by their losses: I brought out in fine order twenty-three out of twenty-four. The one lost was the result of a mistake. Now, Mr. Editor, I do not agree with either you or the Doctor about the duty on wax, and you cannot blame me for trying to carry out the expressed wishes of my associates. You witnessed the unanimous vote both at Listowel and Toronto, to try and get the duty removed, but amongst you, you have defeated the project. Now, like the sting of a bee, let's forget it. With best wishes to yourself and the Doctor.

GEORGE BROWN.

Molesworth, Ont.

Friend Brown, we are fully in accord with one of your concluding sentences: "Let us forget all about it." We did not try to defeat it and although there was an effort made, in our opinion no amount of effort would have secured the removal of the duty this season, as we are in possession of information from a most reliable source which leads us to this belief. There are tons of wax in Canada now begging a market, and you need not be surprised if the price of wax is reduced to 25 cents before another season.

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INTERESTING NOTES ON WINTERING.

THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is received and though I am already a subscriber to three similar periodicals, I feel as if I still need the Canadian, and one of my strongest points for desiring this JOURNAL, aside from its real merit, is that the climate of this section, corresponds more nearly to Canada, than any other country I know of, and for this reason I think I will be likely to reap greater benefit from the experience of your correspondents, than from those of the United States generally. I am located near the summit of the Alleghany mountains 1,400 above tide water, which accounts in a measure for our variable climate, short summers, and long cold winters. Mercury sinks down twenty to thirty degrees, and even as low as thirty-eighth degrees below zero here during the winter, and that just past, has been extra cold and long continued. I am