

# The Canadian Bee Journal

Published Monthly

New Series  
Vol 14, No. 5

BRANTFORD, CAN., MAY, 1906

Whole No  
494

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

By J. L. Byer.

"Natural comb built below the starter will be built over the wires." To the above clipping from "Gleanings," Dr. Miller adds the comment, "Yes, but the wire will not be in the septum." Glad you have mentioned it, Doctor; I have noticed this for some time, but from the fact that the big guns are continually telling the greenhorns that the practice is all right, thought perhaps my bees behaved out of the ordinary. Personally, when using starters, have not much use for wire in the frames; to be sure, if combs are for use in the super they will not be much the worse if the wire is not in the septum, while they will have the advantage of the extra strength from the fact of the wire being there.

### The Term "Standard" as Applied to Hives and Fixtures.

What do we understand by the term "standard" as applied to hives and fixtures? Friend Holtermann's hives are not a bit too large to suit me; in fact, I can knock him out on that score. But allow me to enter a protest when he defends the 12-frame Langstroth in preference to the 10-frame Dadant hive on the ground of the first-named hive being standard goods. Standard in

what, pray? When you answer "frames," all has been said, while in the case of the 10-frame Dadant hive, all hive furniture that will fit the 10-frame Langstroth (standard goods, mind you) will also fit the 10-frame deeper hive. More than that, you can in a pinch put the shallower Langstroth frame in the deep hive, but you cannot put the deep frame in the Langstroth hive, while for cellar wintering suppose there is not so much difference in results between the two styles of hives, yet for outdoor wintering my limited experience is decidedly in favor of the deeper frame.

### The National Association's Report.

In speaking of this report, Editor Root refers to the fact of there being no mistakes as far as he had noticed. While I agree with Mr. Root that the report is a good one, yet for the purpose of pointing out the fact that, in common with nearly all reports of conventions, it is not altogether perfect, would refer him to the following: On page 75 Mr. Ferris is made to say, "Give them a robbed queen cell." This will certainly be a hard nut for the novice to crack. We presume it should read "ripe queen cell. Speaking of mistakes, have often wondered during "mix-ups" at conventions, how reporters are able to give us as correct reports as we are accustomed to getting. When considering the report, it may not be amiss to note that while we are assured that there were less than