

siders that came into my yard and stole the idea from me and went away and fixed theirs up that way. Last fall I was in a little bit of a hurry and didn't put my ventilators on to try it. Some of the people who had been to my place and taken this idea, and had the ventilator on, their bees came through while mine went under. Mr. Jones, we will call him, had twenty colonies of bees. Out of those twenty he sold six or seven to another man, about half a mile away. This other man took them home and lost every one of them. They were shut up tight Mr. Jones who had the same bees, and had my ventilators on like this, using a Hedden hive which was rigged up, carried his through without a single loss.

Mr. Byer—Do you have felt next to the frames or boards.

Mr. Hoshal—I bore an opening.

Another thing, this man said he had to keep these ventilators open because they would freeze shut. I went to another man not half a mile from me and half of his bees went under and the other half came out. He had about seventeen colonies; he had ten in movable frame hives, and the others were in common box hives, warped up with the sun, cracked open, and everything else. Everyone of his new hives went under. The old ones riddled and split by the sun and so on came through. Another man, not over five miles from me, with the Hedden hive and so on, never packed his bees at all. They were in the double case, set in the open, right in a fence corner with the honey board on and loose covers and they came through in the very best condition. I wintered quite a percentage of my bees in the cellar, carrying out the same idea. Unfortunately last winter, or near the spring the drain of the cellar froze so that during the night the cellar was flooded and submerged the lower row of hives right around.

You would naturally suppose those bees would all come out dead. They didn't; they lived through the ordeal to my own surprise. The combs were thoroughly soaked when I went to take them out of the cellar, and I didn't expect to find one of them alive and was very much surprised to find half of them living. I put them outside, and they only survived about a week after they were set out. Another thing in this wintering question, if you will follow it up and look over those, colony after colony, that have gone under you will find that every one you look at, without an exception, will show signs of being wet inside, and that moisture never got there from the outside.

The discussion closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hoshal for his very interesting and instructive address.

THE HONEY BUILDING AT THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

Editor Canadian Bee Journal:

No doubt the bee-keepers would like to know how their representative to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition is looking after their interests. To those who are interested I might say that I attended the meeting when the prize list was revised for 1905, and other business transacted in connection with the bee-keeping interests of the Industrial; also the meeting for the election of officers, etc.

It may not be generally known among the bee-keepers that the citizens of Toronto recently voted for the by-law to expend \$300,000 in new buildings and improvements for the Exhibition. Among other improvements a new honey building was contemplated. It is not likely that we will get this