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### Fall Management of Bees. EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

As the fall is approaching one must be careful that all colonies have a laying queen. It is essential that the colony be composed of a large force of young bees to go into winter quarters, as bees raised during the fore part of summer are sure to die before half the winter is over A young queen will lay longer in the fall than an old one, consequently it is a good plan to requeen during the summer. Three things are especially necessary to winter bees successfully. The first is as stated, a large force of young bees second, plenty of stores of the proper quality, and third, satisfactory winter quarters.

Stimulative feeding helps greatly to supply the first essential requirements. It is important, however, that the feeding go on slowly and without inter-mission. When feeding to stimulate one must bear in mind that he wants a large amount of brood, not stores, and, therefore, feeding has to go on slowly, but never should the feeder become empty as this discourages the bees and they slacken down brood rearing.

A tin pepper box or something of the kind with two or three holes not larger than to admit a common pin (if feeding thin syrup sometimes one pin-hole is enough punched in the bottom and set on a block of wood with the perforations down. This block should be as thick as to fit into the entrance, and in the centre of the top a one-and-a-half-inch hole is to be bored in about three-eighths of an inch deep; the end is then mortised out and a cover fitted so that when the feeder is in place no bee can get at the honey in the feeder except from the inside of the hive. A piece of tin placed where the honey or syrup drips out of the box is sometimes advisable. After the feeder sometimes advisable. After the leader is in place enough of the entrance should be left open to prevent the bees from clustering out for' lack of ventilation. Feeding is only necessary when no honey is in the fields. Fortunately Ontario has generally a fair fall flow from buckwheat and goldenrod.

Plenty of stores are easily supplied in the form of good honey or syrup of granulated sugar (two parts sugar to one of water). From thirty to thirty-five pounds of stores should carry a fair-sized colony through the winter. It is also essential that if combs are taken out towards fall that they be replaced in the same order so as not to destroy the winter nest which bees form towards fall. This winter nest is composed of a sphere of empty cells in the centre of the hive a little towards the entrance. This nature has evidently designed to economize animal heat during winter. If meddled with late in the fall so that the bees don't re-form the nest it is a decided disadvantage.

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#### Fatality in Cow.

One evening I noticed my cow's throat was slightly swollen, she would not eat and gave no milk. Her tongue and mouth appeared to be paralyzed. The swelling increased, extended to her breast, and in two days she died of suffocation Was this black leg or anthrax, and would it be wise to have the herd vaccinated L.T.

Ans.-The symptoms do not indicate either black leg or anthrax. Black leg attacks young animals only; very seldon an animal over two and one half years old. The trouble was a form of erysipelas usually due to some undetermined alter-tion in the blood. Vaccination would be action is compared by V. have no action in preventing it.

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