

We have mentioned in these columns, the fact of all bees in our locality going into winter quarters last fall with abnormally small clusters. Such a condition is hard to give a reason for, as enough nectar was coming in till quite late to keep brood rearing going on. Naturally we, who are wintering outdoors, are somewhat concerned as to how these small clusters are going to stand the weather. Up to the 25th of January, weather has been moderate, but since then we have had a lot of snow, and this morning, Jan. 30th, the thermometer was 24 below zero. On the day previous, we shoveled snow all around hives, that had not previously been drifted over, being careful not to jar hives. As I write, Mr. J. F. Davidson, of Unionville, has just called me to the "phone" and he tells me he has been doing the same thing, as he thought those "small clusters would freeze right through." No question but that a lot of snow piled around and over hives is a great protection during very cold weather, and I think the abundance of snow they have in New Ontario explains the fact of successful wintering outdoors, notwithstanding the severe climate. Just as soon as the weather moderates, I shall remove snow from front of hives, but during very severe cold, I don't care if the hives are completely covered. Incidentally, might remark that the bees have not had even a partial flight since sometime in November, yet they appear to be in good condition so far.

Gleanings is at present conducting, or rather aiding in the crusade against allowing the Glucose interests of the United States labelling their product "cane syrup." As pointed out, this name is misleading and apt

to make consumers think that the syrup is a product of the sugar cane, whereas it is a product of the starch factory and can be made of potato starch as well as from corn. Editor Root says: "The general public does not know that corn syrup, so called, is glucose; and to allow this change of name would be the grossest kind of deception—a thing that would be entirely out of harmony with the provisions of the National Pure Food Law, under which Dr. Wiley and his associates are working." Pity we have no such stringent pure food law on this side of the line, but sentiment is ripe for just as stringent rulings on food products here in Canada, as in the United States. It is only a question of time. There is an enormous amount of glucose syrup used here in Canada, and I believe if the product was labelled "glucose" instead of "table syrup," or some other name, the consumption of the stuff would be much less than at present. No doubt many of the people do not know that the "syrup" is glucose, but of a number of merchants interviewed, they certainly know, and moreover seem to think that it is not the most healthy of foods. But it is cheap, and the public demand it, and this is as far as the merchant is concerned; he has to give the people what they want. Just a few days ago, a friend who has been in Toronto for the past eight months, told me that where he was boarding, the parents insisted on their children using this glucose syrup on their bread in place of butter. It was cheaper, and besides, these parents had read that sugar was healthy for children; and they had not the slightest idea that this "syrup" had never seen a stalk of sugarcane. When told that it was glucose, they would not believe it; but

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