

JOURNAL, but who are already entitled to a copy through membership in the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association, we give the privilege to selecting one of the United States Journals. In this way we get the best possible support from Canadian bee-keepers and we must confess we have nothing to complain of. We have tried to conduct the Bee Journal in the best interests of the bee-keeping industry in Canada, and if their patronage and approval in word is worth anything, it says that they think we have endeavored to advance the interests of the calling.

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We have now for several years tested the West Queen-Cell Protectors and Spiral Wire Cages. They have attracted no very great attention, not nearly as much they should, but they fill a very important place in the bee yard. In another place will be found an article by Mr. West upon the manner of using them. Our own experience warrants us in saying there is no properly conducted apiary in the land which can afford to be without some of these cell protectors. The queen cages are also very convenient.

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We are anxious to see the membership of the Ontario Beekeepers Association doubled during the present year

A BIG OFFER. and as a step in this direction the publishers of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, are prepared to make exceedingly liberal offers. To the one sending by June 1st, 1895, the largest number of members fees not including those who were members during the year 1894, we will give a prize consisting of a new Knoll Double Action Pressure and Action Washer—a first-class machine, value \$8—As a second prize, two dollars worth of Beekeepers supplies to be selected from the list of Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., Ltd. As a third prize an exceedingly convenient folding clothes rack. To all others sending at least two new membership fees we will give some premium selected by ourselves. The membership fees must be all

in the secretary's hands by June 1st. The first prize must be a list of not less than five names to show that some effort has been made in this direction. Now, we should like to see everyone go to work, send the fees to the secretary as you get them and let him know you are competing for the prizes. It is not at all likely that the first prize will go to a large list of names, and everyone can get a prize. The membership fee is one dollar and everyone who becomes a member gets the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL free for one year.

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From various sources we notice that those interested in poultry are thinking of availing themselves of the warmth from the hive in hatching eggs. The results of various experiments have been given and under proper conditions there appears to be no doubt the work can be done. We would object in the spring of the year using the warmth of the hive in hatching a few eggs of poultry, when it must be done at the expense of a good many thousand eggs of queens.

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We notice from time to time that beekeepers report that colonies refuse to take down stores in the fall

Refuse to take of the year. We of **Winter Stores.** course take for granted that they have room for the stores, that the temperature is high enough to allow the bees access to the stores and next that the stores are offered the bees in the right way. When all these favorable conditions exist and the bees do not take up the stores we suspect a queenless colony and as a rule our suspicions are correct.

I like the C. B. J. and I think it is well managed. I am in my 78th year. I am well and happy and like my work, although sometimes it comes rather hard on me.

JOHN ANDREWS.

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