

of it, but I would have weekly reports from different parts, but so arranged that each correspondent would only be required to send a monthly report; in this way, have, say 20 or 25 correspondents in different parts of the province, get four or five from different localities to send in their report the first week in each month, another four or five also from different parts the second week in each month and so on, in this way we would have weekly reports and I don't think any of the correspondents would tire of sending a short report each month for seven or eight months. It would not cost you much Mr. Editor to furnish necessary stationery and each one would feel you had a claim on him. I would have each correspondent's name and address with his report, as all would like to know where the report is from and who is the writer. I would not limit each one to a postal card, of course that might do for the report proper, but if a chance is given, many an interesting idea or circumstance would be reported which a person would not bother writing about separately. I don't think I need say any more about this now as the reasons given are sufficient if the idea is any good at all. If you see fit to adopt this *baby* of mine, you can book me as correspondent No. 1, just let me know when and how you want my reports and I will do what I can. I believe the weekly reports department will become as popular as the question and answer department, and hope to see it in good running order soon.

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P. S.—I make use of Dr. Miller's *baby* and wish all your correspondents would do the same, viz., No. of years in business, No. colonies last spring, and No. last fall, or fall and spring as case may be.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

NEXT EPISTLE OF JOHN.

DELOVED Bretheren I rite not of mi self, but to persuade you at all times to be strong in the faith, abiding ever in oncommon sense. & especially wood I beseech yo to never say bee keepin aint no bonanza. hoo has said it was. y the ones as now say it aint of course. the woods is full of hibernatin people ho is slways sayin that aint no bonanza in nothin. bonanzas aint as plenty as some things, still there is a few left yet, but yove got to take um bi the handle if yo pick um. Whats the sense in cryin 'cos honey is cheep. What aint cheep? I can bi as much with a pound of honey now as I could 20 year agoe, & sell it far quicker

& more of it. the bees nor the season nor prices aint all to blame, its us thats a little off our belts. there ought to hav been more honey raised the two last years, for I never new a year that didnt have a few days of honey-secreting weather. it cant be this locality is so much better than others, for the two past years has been blamed by bee-keepers here generally, & no honey has been the cry. the spring of 1887 found me with only medium colonies. The season proved rather poor. The result was what every one might expect. Only got 30 lbs. of comb honey per hive. thats the smallest average I ever had of section honey. Of course there wasent enough bees in the hives in the following fall. There wont be in eny poor year. Wal, youd a fed um I spose. but I didnt. I jist opened all the port holes and fired all the light ones into the heavy ones. I contracted 59 colonies down to 25. talk about superseedin queens! I superseed the hole hive if I find a week one, & let me say rite here Im teatotley absquintically horrified at hearin so much horse mire mud-puddle flounderflatin scullpaligy about feedin & pettin & packin & poken & contractin a poor little hive with about a pint of bees in it. I simply wonder you git eny honey atoll. No I had just as many bees as I did before, & they was in better condition. & they all come through & was on hand for bisness in spring. Now if I had put the hole 59 yn cellar without uniting I probably would a lost the most of them & then went round with tears in my fists & my eyes doubled up hollerin no bonanza in bees. Now for that bugbear season of 1888 which probly was the poorest weve had here. Wal, I had to give mi bees room bi the first of May to prevent swarming. bi the 30th of May some colonies had built seven square feet of come & stored the most of it full of honey. then it was some bad in June, but the bees had got ahead cos they was up & drest. other folks said their bees wasent doin nothin. My bees kep breedin rite along through june & al summer & give me 50 lbs. come honey per colony spring count. they increased to 56 & I united them back to 51 which are in cellar just roarin. My bisness was such both poor years that I could give my bees only about haf the attention they needed. If I had tended them more I am confident I cood have increased the average in 1888 to 70 or 75 lbs. Now, Ive been partickler in describin these facts to ye cos if I had meerly said—the hole secret of success lies in keeping your bees *verry strong* in numbers so that they will be able to gather honey when it is abundant in the fields—youd probly smiled. and said youd hurd that ni onto 20 year agoe. & you now wanted something more moderin. I