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भcorrespondent asks us, after read ing what was said on page 282, last issue, whether Inspector Mc,-
Wioy, "practises what he preaches" With resp sct to the disin'ection of hives Which have contaned colonies afflicted With foul brood; and if not, how he can act under a law which orders that "all hives, etc., shall be disinfected." It Would certannly be satistactory to know What Mr. McEvoy does do, in the face of his expressed opinion that the continued use of such hives is harmless, and we hope he will tell us all through the Journal. We have no fault to find With Mr. McEvoy's treatment so far as It goes, but we do say that he does not 89 far enough. We had never thought of this matter of disinfection until our attention was thus called to it.

## $*^{*} *$

${ }^{\mathrm{Mr}}$. T. Bonner Chambers has illustrated in the last issue of the Record a Dew joint for hive making-or rather What he considers as a new thing. It to however, exactly the same style of tin corner as we have used in our section corner as we have used in our sec-
iound it to work admirably in there but we have grave doubts as to its being of any practical value for hive corners.

The attempts which have been made in England, says ile British Bee Fournal, to establish companies having for their object the buying and seiling of honey have been singularly disappointing in results, and have all ended in mord or less failure. It does seem unformanate that in a venture with all the advantages of a directorate of business men, and an abundance of capital, but mainly from the want of a good steady and reliable supply of good British honey, it should be found necessary to wind up the concern after a few year's working. The B. B. J. is thus forced to admit reluctantly that honey companies will not pay-at least not yet. It deprecates any further attempts to infuse vitality into ventures of this kind. If the main cause of the suspension of these companies was a lack of good British honey, why was that want not supplied by the purchase of Canadian honey, surely our English friends are not too selfishly constituted as to fail in their endeavors rather than take honey from us foreigners? The crop has not, of course, been so abundant in Canada that we have had to look for a market, else we should probably have shipped over our surplus any way, but if our English friends had asked it, we could doubtless have accommodated them with what they needed.

## GENERRAL.

for the Canadun Ber Journal.

## A Good Word For Carniolans.

(क)$S$ we have a wet day and not much to be done outside, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along with the bees. The colony arrived here on the 20th day of June 1889 in g od c indition, and on the hird of July it cast it: first swarm, and on the 16th the eecond came, an. A on the 18th the third, and on the third day of lugust the fourth came away. As I wanied to increase, I hived them all and run the risk, as I was a new beginner, I attended them the fest way I knew how, well, about the last of September I opened them and found all the queens, and saw that they were in good condition for the winter, having their eieht frames well filled, so I took the sarplas off the top and extracted 64 pounds of honey. I think I succeeded rot so bad for a greenhorn. I then went to work and made five outside shells, allowing about five inches for packing around the hive. I tried three kinds of packing, wheat chaff, dry sawdust, and small shavings, and left them on their stand, and the $y$ all came out in spring in good condition. I had A. Hills device and eushion with super over them. We had a cold winter and a wet and cold spring. I may say bees did no more than keep themselves all summer. I increased to twelve and got no surplus until after the first of Septmber. I exsmined them yesterday and took abcut 100 or 150 lbs . of surplus. I believe we will a verage about 25 lbs., spring connt, and be in good condition for winter. You told me the queen was an Italian ma'ed with a Carniolan drone. I believe them to be a good race of tees, prolific, and good heiey gatherers, and very gentle to handle. I have often handled them without smoke, veil or colony that C. W. Dickson got from you in the fall of '89 (we work together with them) I would not care to go and open them without veil and gloves. They were a cross of the Syrian, and were cross sure enough. I could not compare them to anything only the specie of the tiger. When they swarmed and got clustered, before you got within ten yurds of them they would dart at you so thick that it woald be almost imposisible to see ont through the veil. You could hardly teli whether swurm was on the tree or on your head. So about the last of Augnst we took away the queens, and sent for three Curnolian queens from Pratt, of Maseechasettes, and introduced them all righi, and
they are doing well, notwithstanding Brothe Shucks opinion of the Carniolans. nucleus we got from Pratt into my yurd. got it about the last of May and it was verv wrt and cold all of June, so they did very little iof June. They built up in July, and cast two fiod swarms in August, and fill-d tree hive. Nor
they are in tine oondition for winter, with eight they are in tine oondition for winter, with eighty
frames of honey in each. They are very gell to handle. When I open them I find the $n$ gtiod to their combs ; they are easily brushed off, add are good workers, out early, and at work bate. I had a colony that took that nameless disease ${ }^{14}$ lune. They would come hopping out of the hive and could not fly and their abdomen seemet swelled. They seemed to dwindls down very fust. I used gidf and water, 2 oz. to one pint of water, bat it did not se=m to stop it very much. 1 then decided to kill or cure, so I went to work and put on four haids full of salt into abont ${ }^{2}$ gallon of water and put it into a watering cad with a fine cray and opened it up and put be contents of a all ou top of the frames until if was running out of the entran-e $I$ doue that twice und now thry are all righ. and in $x^{00}$ of conditim, and strung. About the first od Angust another strong nie took the disease ous were dyink by the hundrels. The Carniolda's. were swarming, so I took Doolittle's plan $100^{k}$ " frame with a queen cell an 1 put an exclader $0^{11}$ the top of the hive. She came ont all right. putan entrance ou the opposite side to bid main nue and moved them up the country and gor her fertilized all right, there being pleoty drones in the original hive. The new qued was a fine one, so I pinched the head off sickly queen, and put this one in her plat They have a fine lot of brood now.
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For The Canalian Bee Journal.

## Sugar Feeding

should Nut be talked about in the journalt semi granulation a worse trouble.

YOU ask for my report, but I think there has been t:o much reported alr for the good of berkeepers. or merchant makes a good profit onanytbing, does not publish it, bat quietly pockets
eeeds ; on tbe other hand, if he meets with a through his own stupidity or mismanagehe keeps it to himself.
Advertising bee-feeders and advocating and
ig methods of feeding sugar syrup for winter has done more to injure beekeeping than ever done good to those that practiced
Twenty years ago I could sell honey, pollen, and all, out of the old box bives, after the had bcen sulphured, readily for a shilling pound. Now it is difficult to get that for the honey, simply because the big producers of big yields, and the small producers ble and get jealous of them, and attribute $r$ success to the iree use of the sugar barrel, ly every bee book teaohing the advantage of
ing sugar, and the proper way to do it. Is
any wonder that the pablic think that we $\theta$ the comb and fill it with sugar syrup? I four prizes out of five at our fair last fall, as I was handling the honey a rich farmer $\theta \mathrm{up}$ to me and asked the price, I told him I give him a good article at 10 cents. He ed that he nsed to like honey well, but of Years since people bad got to making honey did not eat much of it. And there are asands just like him, and it is useless to try theach them otherwise so long as they can or to bee books and papers to back them up. aty one throw my bee-papers around so that one coming in could see them, but I found the that several of my neighbors were noticing tromgar feeding articles and quit buying honey tot a lo. Some remarked that it was easy to Worme thoney by feeding syrup, and it is otherwian useless to try to convince the.u to write. There are plenty of better subjects this orite on, for the public eye. I could stretoh for yout ton yards long, but I have said enough Thamesville, Ont.
We didn't get a report, which was
hat we asked for, but we got an article a good deal longer than reports gener Worthy and it contains some thoughts protests of attention. We have seen ling rence's before, and are just as wiltions, to give space to snch expostulaarticles. we were to the sugar feeding
he Will our friend tell us what he would do in case he had to feed and lad ho honey to do do it with ? Perhaps his bees die like Mr. J. B. Jones proed to do. By the way, we had conmondated asking friend Jones whether he hehded to carry out in practice what had promulgated in theory? We only
saw him for a moment at 1 oronto during the exhibition, and had no chance to chat with him. But to get back to the subject. If there is no honey to be had-or if the beekeeper who wants to teed has none, or is unable to pay the figure tor it, when sugar can be obtained for two-thirds the price.-W hat are you going to do about it? Perhaps there. has been too much said about it, but it certainly has been a necessary evil to some estent. For ourselves we have never had any difficulty in persuading people to give up their beliefs respecting sugar-syrup honey after a little chat on the subject. As a last resort we have offered to give them a dollar per pound tor every pound of such honey they could ever find as coming from our hands. And people know that a respectable person or firm will not make such an offer it they are not sure of what they are saying. We will tell you what causes a great deal more trouble than all these articles about sugar feeding which you find fault with, and that is the pernicious habit sc many beekeepers haye of selling or exhibiting their extracted honey in a "half andhalf " state. There is nothing in our opinion that will raise distrust in the mind of a customer so quickly as to offer him a jar or tin of honey half granulated and half liquid. It looks bad, and to our notion tastes worse. It has a sort of sugary taste, that to the amateur in honey eating, gives the thing right away. We have found that more people ground their charges of adulteration upon this fact than upon all others combined. Merchants who offer honey to the public would do well to keep their supply in the back ground while it is in a state of semi-granulation. If they would keep a certain portion of their stock always in a liquid state it would also be a great heip. Another thing which causes trouble is, that beekeepers are careless when they sell honey in not explaining to the merchant about the system of granulation through which all extracted honey passes, so that he may in turn give the necessary information to his customers. And all this would be saved if apiarists would only use labels on their cans and jars. Thousands of pounds of honey are sold annually, and never a word is said about any change being likely to take
place in the texture of the honey if allowed to stand. Labels are so cheap now that there is no earthly reason why every package of honey that the beekeeper sends out should not have one attact,ed-and every label should have full instructions with reference to granulation.

For The Canadiny bee Joutrai.

## Uniting Bees.

$\$^{1}$N the Beekeepers' Review of Sept. 10th, appears an article by friend Hasty, much of which, in my opinion, is well worth reading, but the latter part of it is not in sympathy with my views. Friend Hasty is evidently a great believer in uniting. Nuw, for the life of me I cannot see what we shall gain by such uniting. I am firmly convinced that I can winter a well populated five-frame Langstroth colony as easily as I can an eight frame one, providing the age of the bees is the same, and I sometimes think that a five frame colony of young and vigorous bees will winter better than a fall eight frame one which has to be crowded ap very much to get theia into the hive. If this be the case why go to the trouble of uniting? What an increase of robbing, and what useless work? Why that danger to the queen? Let us not hesitate to destroy the bees we have no use for. It may be the more merciful way after all and the more profitable. If we conld only induce beekepers (and more particularly the inexperienced) to quit that over manipulation of the hives, much would be gained.

I wheo with Mr. Hasty when he advocates feeding only with combs of honey. For five years i have ouly so led. This fall it will be a olese shave but I will just manage; even should I require to feed a little sugar cake in the spring, I shall prefer it to this messing with honey, sugar, etc., in the fall. In closing, let me say, that the honey flow in this sectinn since September 1at haa hem no reure than sufficient for preseat requicements.
R. F. Holtermann.

Rouney, Ont., Oct. 6, 1890.
The article on wintering by Mr. Hasty, is reproducd in it's important parts, in our "Cappings" Department.

For Ter Canadian Ber Journal.
Selling Cut Up Sections.

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COMMENCED the season of 1889 with 21 Colonies, increased to 27 , took $1,600 \mathrm{lbs}$. extracted, and 300 pounds comb honey- 1,900 lba, in all. Sold most of the extraoted daring the winter at 184 mentm. I took mont of my
comb honey to the Ridgetownltagricultura ${ }^{3}$ Show, and sold it on the groand, cutting it up into pieces (four to each section) selling ihem at five cents per piece, each section weighed thret quarters of a pound. They sold like hot caked. cakniolan bees.
I see a great deal has been said both for, and against the Carniolans. Some beekeepers claim that they are very cross, and are not good hopey gatherers. I received an untested Carniolan queen from John Andrews of New York, and she proved to be a good one. The bees ard gentle and are good honey gatherers. I raised two daughters from her last year, and I bat now three colonies of Carniolans. Of coursb the two I now have are mated with Italish drones, but the queens are splendid layers. HONEY BOARDS.
I think that honey boards are indispensible in the apiary, and I shall not in future try $\mathbf{t 0}$ : get along without them. I prefer the break joint wood and zinc board, I confine the queot in the brood chamber and I never extract from it. The honey is also of a better quality whed taken from combs in which there is no broodI have found that the honey in the olow. prozmity of the brood nest is often quite thin. planting basswood.
Last season I planted 31 basswood trees, and I will probably plant 60 or more next season. It won't be many years before all the old trees. are gone from this section.

Henry Parkier,
Morpeth, Ont.

## Recent Patents.

gPATENT has just been issued to Mr. Nelson C. Petrie, Cherry Valley, Ohio, for a Bee-Swarmer, (No. 437,45I). The clains made are ${ }^{25^{\prime}}$ follows:-

1. The combination of a box having $p$ forated sides, and having at its top the cor formed with the series of openings adapted ${ }^{60}$ permit of the passage through them of tbe workers, bat prevent the passage of the drode and queen, the horizontally disposed coniod tubes removably fitted within the box, having their apexes pointed in the same direc tion, and perforated guideways having each open side and leading from the ends of the to the months of the hive.
2. The combination of a box having opening in its ends. A perforated trap door in its to and provided with perforated sides, the forator guide ways leading from the end op ings to the mouth of the hives, conioal tale removably fitted in the box, and ther tically-owinging partition within the lowt

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## Learning the Business.

有E agree with Mr. Scott on page 1002-3, where be advises those intending to engage in bee-keeping for profit to spend A season at least, with some successful apiarist. A great many prrsons though, expect a young man to spend a season in their employ in order ${ }^{6} 0$ learn the business, but he is to receive no Wages for hip labor unless he wishes to work extra hours. This I would not advise any person $t_{0} d_{0}$ if they are in close proximity to a sucess. tal bee-keeper. A few colonies could be purohased, and he could then no doubt make ar$r_{\text {ragements }}$ with his friend to take them on bares, but he should be sure to take the opPortanity of visiting him as often as possible daring the busy season and while there to ask al the questions that are thought necessary. In the meantime, be could be studying some of toll best books on apiaculture, as well as caretoll $_{5}$ perusing some of the leading journals. I the acquainted with three young men, two of low spent a season as students, the other folCowed the plan that I have above stated. The busult is that one of the two is about out of the it. Basiness, while the other is making a success of it. But I cannot see that he is any more enlightened or is succeeding any better than the ${ }^{0 n}{ }^{0}$ who spent the season at home.
J. B. Kitchen, Weidmann, Out.

Honey in France.

HFRIEND of ours, who, by the way spent a year here at Beeton with us, but is now located in Bordeaux, France, writes us on the subject of opening a market for our surplus honey in that country. This young man has the velled extensively in various parts of the world, and is possessed of sufficient knowledge of the subject to speak intelligeatly and with confidence. He was in London at the time of the Colonial and Indian exhibition, and he knows Just how our Canadian honey took with the English people, (he comcs from Sheffield, himself), and he can see the Possibilities we have over the English Channel. In a good season, with lots of turplus-more than we could dispose of theantageously in our own countryexperimeuld be no harm in trying the of the pent, but with the average yields oldained by disposing of the crop at
home, for which there is a steady demand.
"I don't know if you were represented at the Paris Exposition of last year. If so you will know that honey is one of those few and far-betwees imports admitted exempt from duty into France. This fact has often struck me as strange, seeing that sugar is beavily charged and consequently retails at 6c. per lb . (the cheapest), even poor quality brown or West India sugar, such as in England costs $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. per lb . sells here for 6c.

When I say honey is exempt, I find I make a slight err 3 ; shipped from England it is exempt but shipped from Canada or America it falls under another tarriff scale, and is dutiable to the extent of 10 francs ( 8 s .4 d .) or $\$ 2$ per 100 kilos, that is $\$ 2$ per 240 lbs . roughly, the kilo being 2 lb . 3 oz. $4,428 \mathrm{dr}$. avo. This figare therefore is almost nominal.

The inducements are not few, everyone knows what a "sweet-tooth" the Frenchies have, the sweets eaten at New Year being tremendoas, prices ranging from $1 / 3$ to 5 s and 6s. per lb . Honey from the south, with no aroma or flavor to be compared with most of your brands, is retalled in a half hearted way at 80 centimes (or 8d.) for a tiny glass and no name or label. A little comb is sometimes to be seen in the fash. onable foreign goode stores, of course at fashionable prices. Again, the pastry cook's art here is a fine art, such wonderful creations he turns out, all shapes and colors; "plum cake" the old homoly English dainty isn't in it, or if it is, it is completely hidden in the sugary rinds or gewgaws that the cook artist thinks essential to bring customers, as these morsels you can imagine are pretty stiff things to pay for. Well, for all this sweet stuff, it seems to me that if honey could possibly be sold cheaper than sugar (wholesule) pastry cooks would be too glad to substitute it. Again, there is very little push and enterprise, any show of spirit and venture (as far as a superficial view goes) on the part of French retailers. For one thing it is quite a rarity to ticket their wares with the price. They prefer the customer to ask, and - they quote just what they think they can get. I do a little shopping myself and I rarely find anyone who seems to have heard of that good old motto "small profits quick returns." They are too grasping and short-sighted as a rule. Now if some one, up to business, were to open up on the English style-all above-board, one price for all and that the lowest, have his goods attractively got up and displayed, a judicious bill here and there informing the novelty loving pablic that "hitherto undreamed-of ad-
vantages were now within the reach of the poorest, etc., etc., I feel no doubt he would sell, and that quickly, no matter what the goods-(1 have seen a stock of patent (miserable) pens go in a few weeks, pushed by a man who rented a libtle shop in a main street, and exhibited clever feats of penmanship, with the pen and a glib tongue at same time. He had a crowd always round him). At first start in your case, you could do as in London, offer samples free, but the tempting little tins at a low price and with those gay colored labels would be sufficient here more than with English people, to sell themselves. Heretofore honey has been a perfect luxury. Even molusses has a tax on it whether from England or America, of 4 times that on honey, and it is consequently unknown as an article for table use by the poor.

Now it strikes me that in some of your heavy seasons it might be worth your while having a market out here which you could count on, if this less than a cent per lb . duty, shipping and selling expenses woald permit you to offer it at a really popular price. To make the start I would say offer a commission on sale to one of the English grocery stores here, which are patronised by the English residents (200 to 300) and many of the French also. If it "took," appoint an agent to work it among the pastrymen whether for use in their art, or for sale in their fashionable stores where all kinds of dainties (except honey nicely got as a rule) are exposed. Or in the last place, join expenses and profits with a man who would open out a honey store on the principles I have above menticned. If in such store anv French Canadian wares would also be sold that would form a special attraction and interest besides a possibly extra source of profit, "Suco vegetaux desseches nondenommes," I find in the tariff of duties, is exempt both as regards England and Amerioa. Well, the translation of this item is direct or evaporated vegetable juices or essences (sap) under which head surely maple sugar could be classed, and which is not mentioned otherwise in the tariff. This delicious sweet would be an acquisition here.

For The Canadian Bee Journal.

## Judging at Fairs.

का$S$ by the time this article is printed in The Canadian Bee Journal all judging will be over, and we have another year's thought before us should we be spared, permit me to make a few remarks upon judging. Until the last month I never bad to perform the painful task of judging honey in an official capacity. That the position is honorable, if honorably performed, we all think, but that it is a painful
task, if we desire to do justice to all, those oply who have acted in the capacity of judge alo00 can tell.
I believe to judge rightly we should com mence at home and carefully study the wordiad of the list upon which we are to base our jadf ment. If the wording is doubtful, as for it stance the "etc." in the London prize list isr and for which those getting out the list should be censured; also such wording as in the Chat. ham Peninsular Fair, "for 20 lbs . of comb honel put up in old style," and for which those pro gressive apiarists, Messrs. W. A. Crysler and ${ }^{\text {J. }}$ A. Foster offer special prizes. I say, if the wording is pot perfectly distinct, then the judg ${ }^{66}$ shonld go to the Directors and ask them for $a^{2}{ }^{\text {id }}$ tepretation of the doubtifl clauses. Next, judget should abide by the prize list. For instance, as it was in our case, there is no provision for withbolding a prize from an article of not sufficient merit, it simply says ist and and prize fou first and second best, and while some were in favor of witholding the prize, others maintained that the duty of the judges was to award prizes ${ }^{20}$ cording to the rules placed in their hands, n and the prize list. In the same way it is a departure from the sphere of a judge, when there are fiob prizes offered, and they creata $e$ sixth and sev. enth prize, unless the sixth and seventh are equal with the fifth. The laws placed in their bands are to give a prize to the first five, and it is out of their power to revise the list after the compo titors have paid their entrance fees upon a dit ferent understanding. I believe so far, upod reflection, every one will agree with me, that the last one is one not generally accepted; the s, that a judge after performing his duty may ${ }^{8} 0$ and point out the reasons for certain decisions, and yet, why should he not, and how often may it not of benefit to the exhibitor, and to the judge toor beas far as uncharitable reflections are concernod on the part of the exhibitor. I do not for a moment hold that the jadge should enter into any arga ment with the exhibitor, no more than that the judge on the bench should do so when he the prisoner his sentence, and at the same state bis reasons. Now, I trust no judge, more, no exhibitor, will think I am driving at individual cases in the above remarks. Such is not the case. My desire is that if I am right others should benefit by correct lines upod which to act, and if the lines set forth are not right, I am open to conviction and hcpe to bo set right.
R. F. Holtermanno

Romney, Oct. 6. 'go
Mr. Holtermann has probably
tended to talk on the subject of judging or general lines, but what he says has brought to our mind the mode pursued by the judges at the Industrial where the sweepstakes prize (given in part by he Ontario Bee-keepers' Association), has cut up so that some six of the exhabitors participated in it. While we
believe that the judges did just what they eve that the judges did just what tight, conscientiously conceived to be tight, yet we doubt the wistom of splitting up prizes as they did it. Besides being a bad precedent, it looks to the Casual observer as an evidence of weakDess on the part of the judges, or that they were desirous of pleasing everybody. On the merits of the decisons in question we are not prepared to judge, Hot having gone into a close examina tion of the exhibts, but from conversations with one or two of the exhibitors, We know they would have been better ${ }^{\text {Satisfied to have had even a lesser prize, }}$ and had the undivided honor. Let us thain say that in what we have written, there has not been the remolest desire On our part to impugn the motives of the three gentlemen who acted in the capacity of judges, to the very general satisfaction of all concerned. We are satisfied that there are many 1 Instances satisfied that there thadges do not study the prize lists betore entering upon their duties, as stated by Mr. H., and such Carllessness is the cause of very much dissatisfaction. We have had instances of such admissions on the part of judges: It should not be so.

Por $_{\text {THE }}$ CAMADIAN Bez Journal.
A Young Aplary: ERHAPS some of the Westerl bee men would like to hear from a young fellow down East; perhaps not. I am going to write at any rate whether you like it or not. Some six or sevan years ago neighbor Smith bive the old black bees in very ancient looking hives. Frejuently I would take a stroll over apiary, and at leisure time would he to watch his busy bees. You know I was one of those curious fellers tho, when $h_{0}$ saw anything new, was never satisfied till he What was inside, so I would watch every ${ }^{1}$ petp inside. I often use? to think, too, that he had some mesna of either sharpening their Wo naits or giving them to understand that I
wasn't wanted around there as they would atick very fast to me at times, thus giving me an opportunity to stand on my ear or to roll in the patch of corn near by while a little distance off, Smiths' family might be seen laughing till one would imagine that they wonld never come into shape again. It was more than fun, too, boys to get the poodle dog alongside the hive and pursuade him that the entrance was a mouse-hole. I tell you he wouldn't sniffle there loug before he would be going in a hundred different directions at once, and howling as if he had colic and a dozen other diseases combined. All this time I would be lying my full length on the ground (an easy position for a good laugh), paralyzed as from an overdose of laughing gas. Notwithstanding all my trials I brcame attached to the bees, and resolved to try the business myself. My father kept a carpenter shop in connection with other farm outbuildings, and here at spare moments I built a hive from my own ideas. the shape and dimensions of which I will omit. I had no money to buy a colony, so when Smiths' swarmed I went out and begged a few from him which I considered would give me a good start in business, but lo! when I visited my hive the nest morning it was empty, whether Smith stole them or not I cannot tell. I next concluded to visit the hay fields and gather some bumble bees as we called them to fill my hive, but found after laying in two or three lots that they began to quarrel and that I got my fingers bitten too often when trying to settle any dispute, so at last I let them go. Smith then offered me a swarm at a reasonable figure, to be paid by instalments, which I thought very fair, and was once more a happy " kid." I had E-eat luck for three years when my colonies numbered seven, which I considered safe to winter on the sammer stands, but the winter proved unfavorable, there being almost continuous rain, which swept every colony out of existence. When I gazed upon the heap of ruins in the spring my feelings can be better imagined than described: however, the hives were stored away and nothing more done in the business until last April, when I purchased two colonies from Jones Co., Ltd. They were a month later arriving than I expected, and I have had a very poor season right through. The clover yield has proved a failare, and early frosts have destroyed all hopes of a fall flow.
I obtained some good surplus honey for our exhibition, which captured prize money, and have now five colonies well supplied for winter.

> F. GriL,
> P. O. Dept.

Charlottetown, Oct. 8.

## CAPPINGE.

## FROM A VARIETY OF COMBS.

Erroneous Ideas Concerning the cure of Foul Brood.

4T a convention held in Michigan a discussion was held on Foul Brood and in the report which appears in the, Anerican Bec fournal we find the tollowing.
Secretary Smith gave a description of the disease and the effect of the different acid treatments recommended as palliative remedies, the McLain plan almost curing infected colonies He concluded by recommending what is known as Jones' process, but given by Father Lang. stroth in his work on the "Honey Bee," as the cure recommend by a German eppiarıst. The success is described as follows
"Drive out the bees into a clean hive, and shut them in a dark place without food for 24 or 48 hours. Prepare a clean hive properly fitted with comb (preferably clean frames with frundation) from healthy colonies. Tranafer the bees into it, and confine them two days long-r with pure honey."

There are one or two maccuracies in the paragraphs which should be corrected, else any who try to cure by th: method here given will fail miserably. We have never recommended that bees should be fasted only 24 hours that we know of, at least any such statement from our pen has not been one of intention; nor ca: we find any such cure in the copy of Langstroth (i859 ( which we have by us. Fasting the bees from 25 hours to 48 hours simply means (with a possibie excep tiou) continuing the diswase in the apisy, if not tor the present time then for a future onte. There are conditions when starvation for 36 or 48 hours would aceomplish the d"sired end, but the cases are exceptional. We have known in tances where the honey sacs of the bees have been well filled, where after starvation of six or elght days honey has still been retained bv some of the bees in the cluster, or been found in comb which they had built in the box or hive wherein they were placed for fanishment. It i: a common occurrence to have colonies commence building comb in the fas!ing box; we hav: on occasions found as much as a square foot of comb in the heart of the cluster, and a good deal of honey in the cells too-after four days of fasting.

We have taken the honey so found and fed it to clean nuclei, which became dis* eased almost immediately, proving $\mathrm{con}^{\circ}$ clusively to our mind the mode of trans ${ }^{\circ}$ mission of the disease. The condition to which we alluded above, when a short period of fasting might be sufficient is consequent upon the care wnich is taken in the removal of the bees to the place ot confinement. If the work of shaking the bees off into the comos be done in the evening or in the cool if the morning, without disturbing them pre viously in any way-by smoke or other wise-so that they may not gorge them selves with honey, therefore going into confinement with but little honey in their sacs, a shorter time will be requir ed to enable them to dispose of the honey they take with them, and the sooner will they be ready for the next stage of the treatment. It will be se $e^{\square}$ from this that without explanations the statements as made at this convention might be conducive of a good deal ol harm.

## Uniting brood instead of bees.

G. M. Doolitlle explains the system of uniting bees which he prefers in the last Review as follows.
The latter part of August ele ${ }^{-t}$ as may colonies as you wish to winter, making thib selection according to those having the bes queen*, best combs, hives you wish them in, ${ }^{0}$ from and pretereuce whatever, when you are ${ }^{10}$ gn to the ones you do net care to keep and ${ }^{1 k^{6}}$ all but a very litie brood away from them diviting this brood among those selected for winter. In ding this ! take the hees along which adbere to the combs of brood, being surf I donot,hav th queen. If the quen is no value $n m$-she is killed. :ind the bets let to store fall honey if there is any, lnt ten daf the queen cells on the little brood left are det troyed, and when the honey season is ovel the few old bees remaining are killed, when the have the combs ready to :t re awa, afier the hon*y is fed to the bees, shonld they require In our hives selected for winter we have plent) of bees hatching for the next twenty-one dayd which bees are the ones to go over winter, ${ }^{2 n}$ with me prove of a better age to stand winter than those hatched either earlier lser. After practicing this way of uniting severrl years, I must suy that 1 like this un ing in the brood form mdeh better than in bee form."

OUT APJARIES, HOW FAR APART.
The subject for treatment in the October Review will be "Out-apiaries"
and one of the frincipal features of th discussion will be "How far apart shal they be located." Mr. Hutchiason says :
"S We have been told repeatedly that, ordinarily, three miles mark the limit of a bee's foraging grounds, hence, if apiaries were placed six miles apart, there would be no encroachment. Bui it must be remembered the pasture ground of each apiary is circular in form, and that they might be moved towards each other to considerable extent withont one enc roaching upon the otber very much. Lay two silver dollars side by. Lift the edge of one and slide it over the other. Notice how far it may be pusbed over without covering a very large portion of the under dollar. Just so in establishing out apiaries; they may be nearer together th an one would imagine. We believe that four $m$ ! les is plenty far enough apart. We cannot alwa ${ }^{\text {y }}$ s secure the exact spot desired for an apiary, hence we should not hesitate to shorten the distance to three miles, and, unless the apiaries were large, we think the loss by so doing would not be material.

Providing that the out-apiaries are not going to be too large-say not over Ioo colonies-and there is a fair amount of pasturage a distance of three miles from the home apiary will not interfere at all. For years we had two outapiaries within less than that distance of our home yard-one two miles west, the other about three miles north-and we are quite satisfied that none of them encroached to any appreciable extent on the home field. We occupy neither of these at the present time-our lease for both having expired-and we notice no difference.

BEES WAX FOR MAKING SCREWS AND NAILS PENETRATE WOOD.
A correspondent in Glcanings asks the editor if he ever cried puting a little beeswax on a nail or screw that he wished to drive into hard wood. The editor mentions that the idea is kown to some extent, and instances a case ot his own where the use of wax assisted very much.

[^0]MILLER'S METHOD OF INTRODUCTION.
Dr. C. C. Miller writes on this subject and gives a plan of introducing which will be accessible to any one. He also writes regarding baiting sections, which is also reprinted below :-

The plan of introducing queens by means of the Peet cage, letting the bees eat through the candy, thus liberating the queen, presents some advantages over any other method I have tried. It is especially advantageons in an out-apiary, Kill your old queen, put the new one caged in the hive, and if you don't look at her again for a week it doesn't matter. But the Peet cage doesn't work equally wall in all hives, for the simple reason that there is not room for it. My hives have flat board covers,so there is not room between the top-bars and cover, and the only way to do is to put the cage between the combs, which spaces them so far apart as to make trouble.
I send you herewith a simple introducing cage that I have been using this season with a great deal of satisfaction. It is not a shipping cage, of use only for introducing, but it takes up so little room that, if left between the top bars or combs for a year, no great harm would be done. Generally, however, I push it into the entrance of the hive, under the bottom bars, and prefer this unless it is so cold that there is danger of chilling the queen. It is so simple that any one can make it.
Take a block 3 inches long, if wide and st thick; two blocks I inch by ${ }^{\frac{1}{1}} \mathrm{x} \times \frac{3}{8}$; two pieces of tin about an inch square; a piece of wire cloth $4 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2} ; 2$ pieces of fine wire about 9 inches long and four small wire nails $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{5}{4}$ long. That is the bill of material. Lay down the two smal blocks parallel 3.8 of an inch apart, one piece of tin under an ons over them. Nail together and clinch. These two blocks, being 3.8 inch apart, make the hole to fill with good candy, through which the queen is liberated. A good way to make sure of having this cage all right is to lay between the two blocks, when nailing, a third block $3-8$ square. Put this nailed piece at the end of the large block, and wrap the wire cloth arnund it, 1-tuing it come flush with the end of thesmal! piece, and it will come within about half an inch of the end of the large piece. Wind one piece of wire within about a quarter of an inch of nee end of the wire cloth, and fasten by twissine, and wind the other wire at the other end. Play the large block back an forth a few times, so it will work easily in the wire cloth, and trim off the least bit of the corners at the ond of the block so it will enter easily. To provision it, let the large block be pushed clear in, fill the hole with candy, and tamp it dwn. When to be used, aftar futting in the queen, push the block in far enough to allow the queen a room about $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. After the bees have had it for some time it will be so glued that the plug must be scraped off before using again. There is nothing brilliant about this cage, and nothing really original, but it has the merit of such simplicity as to be easily made hy any one, and of being of such size and shape as to be used where others cannot be used.

## BAIT SECTIONS FINISHED FIRST.

This year I had some 250 of last years unfinshed sections used as bait,one in a super; and after the general report that such sections were filled first and finished last, I was quite interested to notice how mine would come out. Invaribly these bait secions were commened first, just as reported. And almost as invariably these sections in the supers were the first ones to be finished. I think there were two or three of the 250 that were not first completed. Moreover, they are nice sections, but not quite so nice as the others. Now, why is it that the general agreement has been that these sections were last to be finished, and would better be thrown away? The only reason I can guess at is, that scme honey, if only a little, that was granulated and dried, was left in the sections. When I first used bait sections I thonght there must be some honey left in them and such sections, when finished, had a watery appearance especially after being taken off the hives for some time, when the honey was inclined to ooze through the cappings. I suspect the oid honey, perhaps a litile sour d, asted somewhat as yeast. At anyrate. I should not like to get along without bait sections; but they must have no honey in them, and must be cleaned out thoroughly by the bees.

## WRITING AN ENGLISH PLAN.

From the Record we take the following written by S. J., St. Buenos' College :

1. In the case of frame hives having their combs running parallel to the entrance, I have actel as follows:-1. Contract one stock towards the back, to half or more its frumes, by means of the divider, frouted for the present by a dummy-board. This divider need be nothing more than a sheet of perforated zinc, bee-proof all round, and nailed to a strong thin lath the length of a top bar. The divider should be hung against the imprisoned bees, wood inwards, so that when the dummy is placed against it no space is left between up which bees can pass. 2. Until the bees have nearly all drawn ir:- and $k$-eping the hive cool will telp to that end-let the divider and dummy be both kept up a little, so that the bees can pass in beneath. Where metal ends are used, the divider, wood inwards, may be hung on them. In the case of alternating distance-pins, I should extract one, if possible, for the present: or, if wooden shoulders, I should-well, I should manage somehow. 3. The bees having mostly gathered in, promptly but quiotly let down the divider and remove the dummy, and now be very careful to secure the quilt against being pushed up by the bees, for they will try hard, esp:ci ! $\because$ n. $x$ : morning: drawing-pins are excellent for this purpose. 4. Place the hive on the stand of the other stock, and transfer to it from the laiter und brood oombs as a matter of course, and food combs by preterence. Obviously, for ventilation's sake, the imprisoned bees should have a larger proportion of combs, number being about equal. 5. If there is to be a choice or not between the queens, one ought to be first found and caged over frames until the last-mentioned step, when she may be removed, to be killed, sold, or used for a queenless
stock as required. If she cannot be found the two may be left to fight it out a l'outrance, without much hazard. 6. Keep the prisoners oools even at right, bat not cold. 7. Next day to uniting move the hive midway between the former positions, with another remove the day after if desirable. 8. Thirty-six hours, at least, after incarceration unite the two lots by quietly withdrawing the divider. This will be all the more easily accomplished if two quilts have been used, meeting or overlapping each other at the divider.
II. Where frames run at right angles to the doorway the process is identical, except that the divider and dummy are set down at once to the floor-board, and that part of the doorway left open to the bees is closed tight towards evening with a rag or the like, if the doors, as is usual, are not mode so as to do s?.
III. Stocks driven from skeps or swarms are left on their stand until the irame hive is ready to receive them. If there is an insufficiency of drawn-out comb or full sheers of foundation at this season of the year, they should be suprlied with their own combs mounted in frames-at no time, however, an easy task as regards their future security. They must on no account be supered over a stecir, except between combs where top ventilati $n$ car easily be afforded them, and even in this case care must be taken to have air-space bentath the whole divider. By neglect of these ;recantions I kilied a small lot of driven-bees supered in a box.
WINTERING TWO COLONIES IN ONE HIVE.
The article reterred to by Mr. Holtermann on page 292, this issue, is as tollows:

I am not entirely sure that my way is the best way, but it is one way. I never feed-or, say, hardly ever. It is not that I have made any solemn resolution never to do such a thing, but I do have a decided inclination to get rid of it whenever I can : and I pretiy much always can. I think I never fed a colony to winter them as the fraternity understand the term "feeding." My feeding is to set , in combs of boney.

So the problem is to simmer things down in such a way that their scant supply, scattered throagh seven or ten combs-or twenty-less here and more there, sometimes less everywhere, will tide things over until flowers bloom again, without the unpleasant murdering of bees. The first natural principle we can catch hold of, to help us, is that, practically, honey is spent mostly in warming up their quarters, and that putting two colosies in the same quarters reduces the honey needed daring the first half of the winter. by nearly one-half. After breeding gets well begun in February things are on a little diferent footing; but there is still a gain in the "double-house"' tactics. I am not now talking of uniting-will talk of that by any bybut of putting two colonies with two queens in the same hive by means of an enamel cloth partition. The eccond natural principal we can tie to is that during the latter part of winter honey is spent largely in rearing brood: and that the advantage of winter brooding is rather problematical at best : and that thoy will raise macti or little according as they have much or little honey in store. Don't let them have very muold
at auy one time, and they will be saving. I quarrel with the teaching that a colony should be provided wirh twenty-five pounds of honey, or teven twenty. I am well pleased with twelve pounds. and not troubled it it is only eight pounds, and sometimes I send them into the winter with as few as four pounds. Of coarse you understand there is more in the comb closet ready to be put in when their scanty supply is gone.

Now as to the mode of operating. You may Suppose, if you pleas, that I have obtained somewhere in the apiary ten combs with at least a poond of honey in each, and that I have them in the carriers, gitting in the house-in a Warm place. I prepare an empty hive (as here mafter stated) and bring four $\mathrm{c} \cdot$ ]lonies in their hives aud set them convieniently near. Ab a her: move it is sometimes best to wake the bees解 thoroughly by smoking them. Sometimes it is lieil to smoke them quite awhile tefore the rest of the operation begins. Sometimes it is beyt not to smoke, except the few puffs usually givelt when taking out frames. The weather, and the mood the bees happen to be in, will deter:nine this. Two of these colonies are to be united with each other and put on one side of the partition of the empty hive, and the other $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{w}}$ ) in like manner on the other side. Into one of the apartments put two combs from the carrier, placing them on the outsides, with room for the other three between. Open two of the colonies and shake a frame from each directly into the apartment, between the combs. If the first fran es are not well covered with bees use two fron, each. Next put in the three center irames and close the top. Sbake the rest of the bees in frent, zunning them in much like a stiarm, only continually mix them by taking from each hive alternately. It is to defend their home that bees fight, but in the predica. ment that these little fellows find themselves, in a strange hive, all the combs with a foreign acont. and themselves mixed with strange bees, they do not feel that they have anything to defend. While filling the first apartment a piece of bourd is temporarily fastened in front, diViding things into two front yards.
At the end of the operasion I have twenty. eight combs out of which to select ten for the next batch of colonies. The remaining eighteen are hung in the comb closet, to be swapped as they are needed in the spring, or during mild days in Febraary. If the colonies are Weak, as at the end of a bud seagon many may be, put in three colonies on each side. You don't know what a lot can be got in until you try. In this latter case there will be forty-two combs to choose from, and thirty-two to pat in the closet.

I have never yet had my combs so emply, in the fall that I could not by selecting the heaviest make this method work. I have a location in which (owing to large pollon resourc©, I suppose) bees multiply like mice. On this account the large reduction in the number of Colonies does not signify as much with me as it wouldi in some apiaries. The average yield of honey per colony in this region is so small that it absolutely wont pay to feed sugar in sach quantities as often advised. It is every man's bosiness to knuw his own location, and to keep his knowledge in mind when laying his plans.

If it will pay to bay twenty pounds of sugar per colony, why do so. If you know pretty well it will not pay, the above, plan avoids the destruction of bees, and keeps things in shape that one can quickly get back to the original number of colomes in the spring it he desires. One year 1 used a modification of this in which six or eight colonies were put in one hive without any partition. This of course sacrifices many more queens, and is less desirable on that account.

I do this work rather late in the season, and I have found so few bees to insist on their old location that their is no serious trouble on that account. It is well to leave the stand the were taken from without any hive there, else bees might gather in on warm days.
As to queens, I have a strong impression that the queen sarvives when all are shaken together, and that my selection is very apt to be incorrect. If you wish to destroy the superfluous ones yourself it is better to do that part of the work on a previoqs occasion. Let me state my theory as to why the best queen survives in a contest. It may not be correct. Victory depends not on strength, nor on agility, nor on luck, but on which queen first beconcs infuriated enough to sting. And this agair depends on the amount of real vitality and vim the lady happens to have in store. It looks reasonable that a poor declining queen should have comparatively less of that peculiar royal jealousy which distinguishes queens.
Bees packed in two chambered quarters soon seem to acquire a common scent, or at least to get used to each other to such an extent as to feel at home on either side of the partition. If the honey is unwholesome, and the bres dwindle, most of the survivors are apt to collect on one side, leaving on the other only the queen and a nucleus of bees. This is sometimes a disadvantage, but sometimes an advantage. In setting them apart in the spring you can let the weaker lot keep the homestead, and set the stronger lot in a new location. Bees enough will then return to do con siderable towards even. ing ap things.
Now as to preparation of the hive. I have elaborate bottom boards for winter, with sawdust bedding, small open chamber, vertical entrance, and various do-funnies which I do not think important enough to recommend. The ordinary bottom boards, a smple partition, and two bits of woud to close the rabbets on each side where the partition comes up, will do, I think. The partition is an outline of thin strips of wood holding two thicknesses of enamelled cloth. Bees on each side cuddle up against it and form what in reality is but one cluster, althougb each side has its separate queen. Thinly shaved wood. will, I presame, do well for partitions. Have the combs quite a little further apart than in summer providing you are going to have bees enough to fully occupy the room. If not, better leave only about the usual space. A space will hold more bees than most of usare apt to plan on. If the hive is a small one, and will not hold ten frames with a partition, I put in only four combs in each I presume cannot very narrow eight frame hives who have no other hives than these will not find my plan of any utilty to them."

## Querien and Replien

Under this hiad will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers-also by the Editor. Only questions of im. portance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested trom everyone. As thesequestions azve to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

## Bees on Shares.

Query No. 281.-I wish to let my bees out on shares next year. What should I give my attendant when I find everything but foundation ?-N. W. M.
G. M. Doolittle, Borodino. N. Y.-Just what you and he can agree upon.
R. McKnight, Owen Sound, Ont.-Whatever you and he agree upon. " "Circumstances alter cases."

Dr. Miller, Marengo, Ill.-I've no experience in such matters, and I'm afraid one of you will wish you hadn't had any.

Prof. A. J. Cook, Lansing, Mich.-Ask D. A. Jones. I should say each should share and share alike.
J. F. Dunn, Ridgeway, Ont.-If your attendant is a competent apiarist give him the wages of a skilled mechanic and keep all the honey. Don't let your bees out on shares.

James Heddon, Dowagiac, Mich.-Would not try to answer this question. Everything depends upon various minor affairs of which I have no knowledge.
H. D. Cutting, Clinton, Ont.-Why don't you say how many colonies you have, as that makes so much difference. If' you have 100 colonies and furnish everthing, your atuendant should have one-half of all honey.
J. K. Darling, Almonte, Ont.-Well, I don't know. If the season was as bad as it has been with some of us this year, you would need to give him all he made and part of the original stock, if you wished him to make a living out of it.
G. W. Demaree, Christianburg. Ky.-This is a difficult question to answer, not knowing the parties, the locality, apiarian fixtures, etc. I would not take all the risk of a bad season and handle your bees for less than one-half of the surplus honey. And then something would depend on what is embraced in the word "foundation." A great deal might depend upon how much foundation was necessary.
I. E. Pond North Attleboro', Mass.-This is one of those questions no one can determine unless more is known than is stated in the question. Circumstances, conditions and average results from year to year for a term of years should be given in order to make a problem that, I for one can understand. Knowing no more
than the question states, I can no more give an intelligent answer, than I could to the question, "How big is a piece of chalk?"
A. B. Mabon, Auburndale, O.-Oh, dear! I don't know. About Nov. I, i891, tell us how many days work the attendant has given to the care of the bees, how much increase there has been and how much honey secured, and we will try and tell you. In this locality, with too colonies, the attendant should be furnished every thing(foundation and fun included), and have all the surplus, all the increase and the original stock, if the season should be like two of the last three years, and if he is a nice young fellow, and you have a nice young daughter that will make him a good wife, sive her to him too.
A. Pringle, Sklby, $\overline{\text { Ont. }}$-You will scarcely be able to find two bee-keepers who will agree as to what is right, fair, and equitable in the "shares" business with bees. Make your own bargain and let every point be distinctly understood, and then if each carries out his side of the contract and both are reasonable men there will be no trouble; otherwise there will. I took $5^{\circ}$ colonies of bees "on sheres" one time and kept them three years. My own terms were accepted by the owners without a word of discussion and we never had a word of difference or dispute. The terms were the following: I took the bees, managed and handled them, and gave the owners one-half the increase and one-half the honey. They supplied their own hives,foundation and empties for their honey-I did the same. I managed the bees to suit myself withsut any dictation as to amount of increase,comb or extracted honey, or anything else. They ran their own risk of winter losses, spring dwindling, etc. They delivered the bees to me in the tall and took them away in the fall when I gave them up. They were well satisfied and I was well satisfied with the results, with the exception that they wished me to keep the bees on longe:, which I could not do as my hands and head were too full of my own work. Now, this basis of the " on shares" is before you, to follow or not follow as you may think it right or wrong. I thought it fair and equitable, or I should not have proposedit. They doubtless thought it so or they would not have accepted it.

The Editor.-Without further particulars it would be difficult to answer your question. The best way in our opinion is to bire a man and pay him by the month. You will make more in the end-if youget the rignt sort of a man, and the season is an ordinary one.

## The Spacing of Brood Frames.

Query No. 282. - What is the proper distance for spacing brood combs, (i.e.) how far apart should they be from centre to centre?-E. H. N.
H. D. Cutting, Clinton, Ont.-IB inches
J. F. Donn, Ridgeway, Ont.-I prefer I娄 inches.
G. M. Doolittle, Borodino, N. Y.-One and One-half inches.

Dr. Miller, Marengo, Ill.-I don't know. Possibly $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{T}}^{7}$.
J. K. Darling. Almonte, Ont. - Spring if to $1{ }^{8} \mathrm{i}$ ijches. Summer $\mathrm{I} \frac{1}{2}$ to $\mathrm{I}_{4} \frac{3}{}$ inches.
A. B. Mason, auburndale, O.-If I could have the combs hang perfectly true, I would have them $\frac{1}{4}$ inches from centre to centre.

Eugene Secor, Forest City, Iowa.-Exact spacing is all right in theory, but next to im. posible in practice with naturally built combs.
G. W. Demaree, Christianburg, Ky.-I space my combs not less than $1 \frac{3}{8}$ nor more than $\mathrm{I} \frac{1}{2}$ apart from centre to centre of the combs. Perhaps if combs are to be worked in a fixed position, as is the case with close end frames, 18 is best for the brood nest. But I do not like fixed trames. I want the frames in my surplus cases fully $\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart, and for this reason, and for many reasons, movable hanging frames are best.
J. E. Pond, North Attleboro', Mabs-My rule is to space ten frames equally in a hive 13 inches wide. I use an "L. hive" $14 \frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, with a dummy $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, spacing equally. This, I believe, will give the best results during the honey gathering season. I use frames inch wide top bars. In winter I remove the dummy and one frame, andispace the remaining nine equally.
A. Pringle, Selby, Ont.-From one and three-eigths to one and one-half from the time they are first fixed up in the eearly spring after being set out till the flow for surplus is over and the in- oathering of winter stores commences. The rest of the season and through the winter a halt inch or so further apart. Either this or $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch the Whole year round. I practice both.

James Heddon, Dowagiac, Mich.-The best average distance to space combs from center to center is 13 inches. There are times in summer when closer spacing might be slightly advatageous, but it would be equally damaging in winter, and it never has been and probably never will be practical for beekeepers in general to change the spacing between the seasons.

The Editor.-We prefer them not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ or $1 \frac{3}{8}$ in spring, but in fall and winter we prefer them from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to is apart, so there will be plenty of room for the bees to put in honey and also cluster between combs. There is plen. ty of room for argument, and, no doubt difference of opinion on this subject. We shall have more to say on this matter later on.

For The Canadian Bee Journal. Uncle John as a Morallst.

A-Stands for Amateur, the one who's expert, Whose writings are good and never does hurt.
B-Stands for Brother, and we should see, That each to each other a brother should be.
C-Stands for cussing, which never does good.
It puts everybody in a bad mood.
D-Stands for Don't, say what you don't know,
But be careful and thoughtful, and learn to go slow.
E-is for Extractor, and you and I know,
That its foolish to say the extractor must go.
F-is for Friendship, and sh juld al ways be true.
A pretense of the same will not carry us through.
G-Is for Gates, which ain't bars, you can see, For though you shove bars you cannot shove me.
H-Is for Heddon, the man that's abused, Whose inventions are cussed, but still they are used.
1-Is for Industry, and applies to the bee,
I wish I could only apply it to me.
J-Is for Journal, and it seems to-day,
That none seems to take like the C. B. J.
K-Is for Kindness, and ever should be, A motto that's held where all can see.
L-Is for Love, let us use it the same. And never be calling each other bad names.
M-Is for Mischief, which some times we do, By telling of things we know not to be true.
$\mathbf{N}$-Is for Neatness, without it we can't, Keep bees and make honey, no not worth a cent.
O-Is for Onward in the bee-keeping race, Let no discouragement slacken our pace.
P-Is for Poultry, which always eat bees, It's so, though deny it who ever may please.
Q-Is is for Questions in the C. B. J. asked, And some seem so silly they'd better boen passed.
R-Is for Reasonable room we should give, To beer, or they'll swarm as sure as you live.
S-Is for Swarming. which we must control, Or honeg'll be absent when calling the roll.
T-Is for Touchy, which we should not be, For folks always bother such people you see,
U-Is for United, then let us so be, For if we are divided we'll find ourselves in about the same shape the man found him. self when he climbed the mullen stalk to get away from the bear.
$\mathbf{v}$-Is for Victory, which we will gain. By sticking, and using our hand and our brains.
W-Is for Wifful, and by it I've lost, I've learned just the same, though fearful the cost.
X-Is for Xanthic, its color you see, Is that of the pollen brought in by the bee.
$Y$-Is for Yearning to understand,
The truths of our Saviour, so noble and grand.
Z-Is for Zinc, which excludes the queen, It also excludes some honey I wean.
\&-Is no letter, but used pretty well,
In many more waye than I've time hore to. tell.
Ovid, Erie Co., Par Jomer Gates.

## OUR OKYN APARY.

嶪OW many are ready for winter? Has every body weighed up his bees and found out their condition as to stores. This fall has been very unfavorable-at least with us-for the gathering of much surplus. Hives that were pretty well filled with stores six weeks or two months ago are now, many them, short entirely. We have one hive in our home apiary that has now 17 lbs . less stores than it had the first of August, while a three frame nucleus in the same yard has lost even more in proportion. Quite a number of those hives which were marked pleaty of stores" on the weighing will have to be fed a little now in order to put them in as good shape as we want them for winter. They would perhaps pull through all right, but then we don't wish to run chances. Lots of beekeepers are too sure about their bees having plenty of stores for winter. Thej' weigh them up or heft them early in the season, and decide that they are all right, and then never think of them again in that regard. Suppose you do put in a few pounds more than they are going to consume, what loss is it going to be to you? It always comes good in the spring when the inmates of the hive require stimulation if they ever do, a colony with lots of stores will do double the amount of brooding that a half starved one will accomplish; again, the stores want to be compact (ie) not scattered all over the various combs, a little here and a little there. A serious mistake is made by many in looking into a colony in the spring and seeing a little bit of stores scattered here and there over the frames, they think that is all that is necessary. The bees seem to act in accordance with the circumstances which surround them in this regard, and they will not carry on brooding with as much energy when the environments are such as we have deseribed. Check brooding in the middle of brooding season or just before the honey 'flow, and you have reduced the profits by which that colony will yield you by just the extent to vhich brood earing is restrained.
an bxperiment which may proye of great valub to the fraturnity. taking combs away decresing; the consumhtion.
We have been experimenting a hittle. We took all the combs from a colony on morning with the bees quietly clus tered on them (using no smokel, and shook them off so quickly that they did not have time to fill themselves up with honey, we shook them off into there own hive and left them there without combs. We thought we would see how long they would live, as we wanted to dispose of them, the queen being objectionable. It is now three weeks since these bees were deprived of their stores, we allowed them the freedor. of the entrance, and they Hew in and out at their pleasure. They seem nice and healthy and our examination shows them clustered in one corner of the hive. They give one the idea of a swarm: just clustered, but where their stores came from is a mystery. Now is it possible that we can prevent the large consumption of storts that goes on every fall between the stoppage or the honey flow, and the putting into winter quarters by taking away all the combs for a mor th or six weeks, leaving the bees to cluster in the hive, as those are which we have described. In all the other hives in the apiary a steady consumption of stores has been going on all the while, and at the present time the colony that has been for :eeks without a frame is just as lively and healthy as the great majority. They must get stores from some place or other, else signs of starvation would surely set in ere now, but there are scarcely any dead bees in the bottom of the hive. It is quite probabale when clustered in this manner. with their occuprtion gone, that they relapse into a sort of dormant state, thus consuming very little more (perhaps not as much) than they do in winter. In this instance they were without a queen. Would it make any difference if they had one? Would they be apt to swarm out and go into other hives, or of to the woods? Is it not worth experimenting further with. Peahaps we may here find the happy medium between G. B, Jones' complete annihilation plan and our present expensive
methods of ber: keeping. Will all who bave had any experience tending in this directuo arise and tell us what they know.

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## Beeton, Ontario, October 15, 1890

Will those of our readers who have any quantity of c 2 mb honey on hand for disposal, please advise us of the quantity, how pat up, and the Very lowest price in cash which they are prepared to accept for it. At once please.
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C. Helwig, Neustadt, carried off the first prize for comb honey at the Normanby township fair and L. Stigwan took the red ticket for extracted honey. We observe that they call it strained honey in the prize list. Our beekoeping friend lisuld edacate the Directors to correct their list.

Mr.G.W.Demaree, who has been connected with the "Query" department of The Canadian Brb Journal ever since its inception, has been subjected to some terribly severe attacks of sciatica, so bad indeed, that small hopes were entertain. ed of his reoovery for a little time. He is now better.
The distance at which the International is held, together with the time it would take to go and come, will preclude our being prosent at the meetings to be held on the 29th, 30th and ${ }^{3} l_{8 t}$ of this month, but we hope to have a report of the proceedings for the Canadian Ber Journal, in due course. We trust the meeting will be large, enthusiastic and successfal, and We ghall bs glad to hear that the next meeting will be held in New York State, when we will 411 go.

In future we shall make a difference of a cent 4 pouad in our price for honey if put op in any
other style than 60 lb . square tins. The troublo of liquifying and re-canning, loss, etc., ; will not be covered by even that difference in price. Two cents per pound will not compensate us for the time, trouble andjloss ot honey we have had in handling four barreld of honey just received from a customer. Our eatire trade is for honey in 60 lb . square tins, and we have to put it all up in that style before it leaves our hands.

International American-Bee Associatlon.

गo$O$ be held in the G. A. R. Hall, Estes House, Keokuk, Iowa, October, 29, 30, and 31, 1890.
FIRST DAY-WEDNRSDAY, october 29 th.
9 A.M.-Call to order. Reception of new members. Payment of dues. Appointmet of committees for question box and other purposes.
10.-Address of Welcome, J. B. Craig, Mayor of Kookuk.
11.-"Fifty years' progress in Apiculture," Thos. G. Newman. editor of American Bee Journal, Chicago.

Recess.
1.30 P. M-"Apicultural Journalism," W. Z. Hutchinson, editor of the Beekeepers Review, Flint, Mich.
Discussion.
3.-President's Address. How. R. L. Taylor. Lapeer, Michigan.
3.30.-" Honey pasturage of the U.S." A.I.

Root, Editor of Gleanings in Bee Culture,
Medina, Ohio.

## Uiscussion.

Question Box.
7.-" Apiarian Exhıbit at the coming Chicago International Fair. Dr. A. B. Mason, Aabarndale, Ohio.

Discussion.
Question Box.
gecond day-THURSDAY, october 30th.
8.30 A. M.-" What I don't know about bea keeping." C. C. Miller, Marengo. Ill.
11.00.-Condensed reports of the Affiliated Asssociations in regard to crops and prospects. Question Box.
1.30 P. M.-" Is it best to use full sheets of foundation in brood and surplus combs?" Eugene Secor, Forest City, Iowa.
3.-"Fixed Frames vs. Suspended Frames." Earnest R. Root, Medina, Ohio.
7.-"The conditions necessary to insure a honey crop." Professor A. J. Cook, Agricultural College, Miohigan.
Question Box. third day-october 31st.
8.30 A. M.-Business of the Association. Seoretary and Treasurer's Reports. Election of officers.
11.-"In an Apiary run for honey only, are Italians or Hybreds preferable?" C. F. Math, Cincinnati, Ohio.
1.30 P. M.-Volanteer contributions, from different sources.
3.-"The International Bee Association. It's past and future." W. F. Clarke, Guelph, Ontario Canada.
The question box committee will receive uestions at any time and will appoint different members to answer those that are deemed of sufficient interest or importance.
As this is the first meeting of this Internathonal Bee Association west of the Mississippi, it is hoped that the Western beekeepers will make an effort to show what the west can do. A number of ladies are expected as usual. The essayists named in the programme will nearly all be present.
A special room on the same floor as the G. A. R. hall has been secured for the exhibit of bees and their products, or implements, and a special committee will report as to their merits. Articles for exhibition, if prepaid to Keokuk and addressed to the Secretary will be delivered in the proper place free of charge.
The Hotel Keokuk, one of the best hotels in the west, a $\$ 3.00$ house, will take members at $\$ 2.00$ per day. The McCarty Boarding, in Estes House, on same floor as the G. A. R. Hall, will board members at $\$ 1$ per day.
Reduced R. R. fares have been promised, but at the printing of this programme, nothing definite bas yet boen given.
Parties wishing to attend will be freely furnished all necessary information and reduced R. R. rates if same are to be had.
C. P. Dada vt, Sec'y.

Hamilton, Ill.

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