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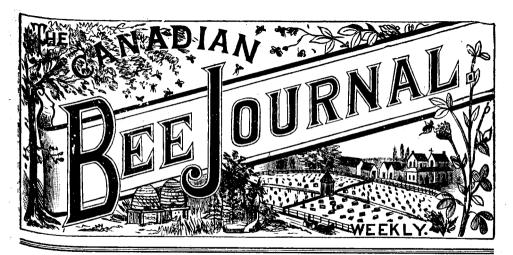
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## EDITORIAL.

**F**E regret to hear of the death of Mr. D. P. Campbell, of Parkhill, which event occurred on the 18th of June under exceedingly painful circumstances. He had been for the past year or two in very poor health and unable to work, and a short time ago decided to go to British Columbia with the hopes that it would be beneficial to him. He reached there only a short time since and on the 18th of June died in the hospital with no friends near him. He leaves in Parkhill a widow and four children, we do not know in what circumstances, but We hope above want. Mr. Campbell was an enthusiastic and enterprising bee-keeper, and for a season or two before his illness rendered him unfit for work, he carried on quite a little supply business and was agent for Mr. D. A. The CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL tenders its sympathy to the sorrowing Widow.

The Canadian Live Stock Journal in noticing the article written by Mr. Wm. Nixon, page 212 of the C. B. J., comments as follows:—"A person with the semblance of a man, at Granby, Que., is charged in the Canadian Bee Journal of June 8th, with setting traps baited with full combs of honey for the purpose of catching and destroying his neighbor's bees. His object is to destroy them all, and thus to get entire posses-

sion of the field. The BEE JOURNAL advises the bee-keepers of the neighborhood to combine and restrain the (beast) by law. Would it not be better to send him on to Barnum for exhibition, labelled on the forehead, the living monster.

#### OUR OWN APIARY.

RUNAWAY SWARMS.

O-DAY, July 6th, about 10 o'clock, Mr. Burton, the foreman of our home yard noticed a swarm starting for the woods. It had evidently come out the day before, or very early in the morning, and had lit on the tree unobserved. Getting tired waiting to be housed they had evidently decided to seek out a home for themselves. They started off in a south-westerly direction. From the course of their flight they had to go about two and a-quarter miles, in the face of a strong wind, before coming The wind retarded their to any wood. progress somewhat, but they seemed determined to make the best of it, and keeping very near the ground, they proceeded on their journey. When going over the hills they almost touched the ground. As soon as the foreman saw them making off he started in pursuit, and acting on instructions which he had previously received in regard to the course which swarms generally take, their manner of flying, etc., he kept ahead of them so that he could look back and see if they entered the wood.

You can easily tell whether it be the intention of a swarm to go through or stop when they come to a bit of timber land. If they intend going through or over the bush they will, when they get within a few rods of it, roll over and over, rising all the time until they are as high as the tops of the trees, drawing themselves into a much smaller compass as they perform this rolling, rising motion. they intend clustering in the woods you will observe them flying backwards and forwards parallel to the bush several times, gradually entering the woods. By carefully watching their motions you can decide what they intend doing.

After crossing two creeks, two public highways, and after going over dozen fields of grain, they reached the wood and lit on a small elm tree, which had a thick top about twenty feet from the ground. They were scarcely settled before the foreman was up the tree and with his jack-knife had begun cutting off the limb, holding it carefully with one hand while he cut it with the other, clinging to the tree at the same This was no easy task, but he succeeded, and slipped down to the ground with his burden. The native Beetonese were amused when they saw him coming back with thirty or forty thousand bees clinging to two branches, the clusters covering about two feet in length of each branch. The bees were continually leaving the cluster, but they still followed the swarm, and think that probably not more than a dozen bees were lost in the walk of over two miles.

When the foreman reached the yard he put down the branches, got his hive in position, shook the bees down in front of it, and they were soon settled in their new quarters. He is satisfied that it is no easy task to keep up with a swarm of bees, capture them and carry them home a couple of miles with the temperature 90 degrees in the shade.

RUBBING THE INSIDE OF SUPERS WITH TALLOW.

Have any of our friends ever tried rubbing the insides and edges of supers or the outsides of wide section frames with clean tallow to prevent the bees from propoling there. We have been experimenting a little in that direction and find that it is a good thing.

Rub both edges of the supers with tallow, and it assists materially in removal of supers when they are tiered As a rule the bees stick a row of propolis along the joints and when you wish to remove the supers, you have to give them quite a jar before you can separate them, and this disturbes the bees considerably. Especially is this the case in cool weather. The honey boards which are placed over the topsof frames are much more easily handledby the use of a little tallow, as also is the top hive when the tallow is rubbedon the under side. There is less danger of the rain getting to the inside of the hive when the top of the hive and the edges of the supers are tallowed. Water sometimes will get in through the smallcracks, but the tallow seems to form a kind of barrier in the way of the moisture and prevents its passing into the interior of the hive.

## INTRODUCTION OF QUEENS.

There are a great variety of ways in which queens may be introduced. In the first place, let us say that we have never lost a queen in introducing if the work was done just as she crawled out of the cell, to a queenless colony, by letting her run into the entrance or down over the top of the frames, or by dropping her behind the division board, allowing her to pass under. If the hive is not full of combs, to place her behind the division-board is the better way, as there are no guards there watching the entrance. At the different seasons of the year some of the plans that would be successful during the honey flow would not be in early spring or after the flow is over. One plan which has proven very successful is by using 2 cage of perforated metal, about four inches square cut three-quarters of an inch square out of each corner; bend the sides down and form a box without We cage the queen by placing her on the comb, putting the cage over her and a few attendant bees, moving it about until we get it over some cells of honey, and directly over the brood, (care should be taken in spring and fall to have it in the warmest part of the hive) we then press the cage into the comb. We find the bees less inclined to gnaw at the perforated metal cages than at a wire cage of similar make, as.

the latter has more the appearance of moth webs, and they make a greater effort to gnaw the cage loose by removing the comb about the points of the We usually allow them to remain caged twenty-four hours, releasing them towards evening, that is, if after examining the bees about the cage we find them acting in a friendly manner, or should the cage be "balled," or any queen cells in the hive, we would remove the cells and pour a little honey diluted with water over the bees in the This would have a tendency to cause them to quit. Whenever the bees act in an unfriendly manner we re-cage the queen, and after re-caging if the bees attempt to "ball" her we usually have our smoker at hand and a few Puffs from it are sufficient to stop any thing in this direction. If honey is not coming in the bees should be smoked at the entrance before the hive is opened, and also slightly from the top when opening it. We have also used chloroform with great success, but some little judgment and experience is required when it is used. We are so successful in introducing now that we only use it in exceptional cases, and especially with fertile workers. In using chloroform we take any ordinary smoker and place a dampened sponge in the bottom of it, we next take one with about a spoonful of chloroform, (Prof. Cook prefers ether) and place it on top and a third one dampened with water on top of the second. One sponge will do, but three Proves a great saving of chloroform, and the dose is administered more evenly to the bees. By puffing the wind through the smoker the same as if you were smoking the bees at the entrance the chloroform is distributed equally in all parts of the hive. Placing it in a sponge, and putting it in one part of the hive smothers the bees close up to the sponge, while those at a distance may not be affected by it. A dozen Puffs from the smoker is usually sufficient to quiet the entire colony. We have taken a number of the worst cases of fertile workers where queens could not be introduced after numerous trials, the queen at the entrance and allow her to run in. We send a few of the chloroform fumes after her in order to cage those bees which might

work is finished. The middle of the day is the best time to perform this operation. We have used chloroform in ordinary cases, and have introduced large numbers of queens in an incredibly short space of time without the loss of a single one by the following method: Passing from one queenless colony to another, we give each a few puffs from the smoker, and after going over the entire lot to which we desire to introduce queens, we start back to the one upon which we had first operated, drop the queen down and send a couple of pufts after her, then on to the next one. doing in like manner, until the whole lot were re-queened. We do not advise this method of introducing by inexperienced bee-keepers. Besides it is a trifle more costly than the plan which we give as follows:-Have an empty box or hive handy and place it on the stand where the colony has been, shake the bees from off the combs into the box and put the combs back into the hive. then sprinkle the bees with just enough water to moisten their wings slightly. If in the honey season, diluted honey or sweetened water will answer, but at a time when there is no honey coming in this application would cause robbing and water will answer the purpose just as well. Shake the bees about in the box until their wings become thoroughly dampened. Drop the queen which you wish to introduce down among them. and continue shaking them for a short time longer until they become thoroughly mixed and the queen receives the same odor as the bees. Now return your hive to the old stand, spread a paper or cloth down in front and pour the bees out of the box upon this and they will run into the hive quite naturally. We have never lost a queen in tollowing this method and we have introduced many valuable ones. When the wings of the bees are moistened they seldom, if ever, attempt to ball the queen. The disposition at such a time seems to have entirely left them. Where we wish to change the queen in any colony, and desire to do it rapidly, we have pursued the following method with good success:-While the bees are swarming we take away their queeh. and when we pour them down in front be returning from the fields and the swarm, we drop the new queen among of the hive, which is place! for the new

We have placed the queen in the cluster while they were swarming. She soon receives the same odor and acts naturally, passing into the hive with the bees. As another mode of introduction of valuable queens we have made nuclei and given them several cards of hatching brood and young bees. This, too, has always been successful. We have sprayed the bees in a colony and lifted out all the combs with the bees adhering to them. We then placed the queen on one of the combs and set them all back into the hive, closed it up and found on our next examination that all was right. Here is another method: Take two combs from the colony which have in them hatching brood, (combs on which the greatest number of young bees are to be found are the best for these purposes) then set the bottoms of the combs close together on the board, hold the tops about an inch apart and drop the queen in between them. Press the combs gently together so that the queen can barely walk between them and the bees have no room to ball her; by gently opening the combs you can see what is going on. This is a speedy way of doing the work in the height of the honey season. As a rule queens may be introduced in from three to five You must watch their moveminutes. ments, and as soon as they become natural and the bees do not interfere with them, your work is pretty well over.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A FEW BREVITIES.

IRCUMSTANCES referred to by me in a previous article have prevented my reading the bee journals with that close attention which is my usual habit, and having recently been trying to "catch up," I find several topics in the C. B. J. on which I would like to make some comments, but to write on each individually, would be likely to tax the patience of both publishers and readers too severely. So, like a participant in a pigeon shooting match, (which, by the way, I never was, and am not likely to be,) I will endeavor to

"AMATEUR EXPERT."

kill two or more birds with one shot.

The kind reference of your English correspondent to myself in the C. B. J., of April 13th, ought to have been sooner noticed by me, and would have been, but for the causes which have prevented the fulfilment of many good inten-

tions on my part. Now that we know more fully what a busy time our commissioners had during their brief stay in England, we can understand how little it was possible for Mr. Jones to do in the way of inspecting apiaries, and observing hive manipulations. I am sure we are all of us pleased at "Amateur Expert's" expressed willingness to tell us about the methods of English bee-keepers, and, I take it, that the editors of the C. B. J. did not need to be formally memorialized for their "consent" to the kind proposal. I am sure we have all read "A. E.'s" letters with great interest. Their excellence of style and spirit make them good models for correspondents on this side of the Atlantic, and the information they impart is very valuable. Let us hope that "A. E." will not "grow weary in well-doing," but that his letters will be a permanent, as they are an attractive feature of the C.B.J. I do not see how they could be improved, except by appending the writer's true name. There are so many amateur experts in England that it is useless to hazard a guess as to this one's identity. Cannot one of our commissioners be induced to turn Queen's Evidence, and reveal "the unknown" to us?

#### MESSRS. PETTIT AND MCKNIGHT.

Isn't there, what the Scotch call a little "dryness" between these two gentlemen. and if so, do we not all unanimously wish that they would shake hands, and "let bygones be bygones?" It is impossible that four such intelligent and independent-minded bee-keepers could see alike on all matters that grew out of their English mission. There is no doubt in the mind of a solitary Canadian bee-keeper, but that each did his very best, worked hard, and justly earned the gratitude which has been expressed in so many ways. In reference to the appropriation of the Government grant, as a matter of fact, what has been already received from the public funds, has been devoted toward opening up <sup>a</sup> British market for honey, and if there be any difference of opinion about the future use of it, I think the [commissioner's letter should be accepted as a finality. The larger proportion of the grant made to the dairy associations have been appropriated to the expense of getting practical men to attend the annual meetings. Their addresses and replies to questions have been of the greatest advantage to our dairymen, and have done much to develop the cheese and butter trade in this country Personally, 1 should like to see a similar use of the grant to the O. B. K. A. Let us invite leading U. S. apiculturists to our annual meetings, and pay them for coming. Their "time is money," and We could invite them with a better grace, by Pledging payment of their expenses, and something more, as an inducement to "come over and help us."

MR. PRINGLE'S CRITICISMS.

The critique on my "Bird's-Eye View of Beekeeping," which appeared in the C.B.J., of March 30th, was good throughout, and I quite concur in the literary part of it, contained in the closing paragraph. I felt the difficulty of weaving "dry apiarian facts and hive manipulations" into a poetic web. It was impossible to avoid being didactic. "Licence of poetry" could not be pleaded as an excuse for want of accuracy. The music was fettered, and held in custody by those relentless

Chiels, that dinna ding And daurna be disputed."

A brother of mine, quite a literary man, Dr. 8. Clarke, of Kamloops, British Columbia, gave me a free criticism of my performance, in terms so like those employed by Mr. Pringle, and in that, so well expressed, that I cannot resist the temptation of transcribing it here. I know that Mr. Pringle will read the extract with interest, and I hope others will do the same.

"About that 'pome.' You did remarkably Well, considering. The task you set before Yourself was a very difficult one. It has been essayed before, and never with any great success. You undertook to harness Pegasus to the car Utility, and drive him with whip and rein. The winged horse is ridden not driven, and he who rides successfully must eschew both bit and spur, and without volition, go wherever he may be carried. Poetry is a thing of imagination, fancy and unreality. Science is a thing of fact, precision and reality. You have crossed them, and the result is a curious mongrel. I am sure you could write a first-class bee manual, and I will not deny your possession of the Poetic faculty, but you can't work miracles. The bee business spoiled the poetry, and the despotism of rhyme and measure prevented a proper setting forth of the science and art of bee culture. So there!-my opinion isn't worth I don't know any thing about bees, except that they make honey which I don't like, and sting me in a way I like still less, but you asked me to criticize, and you would not thank me for insincere praise or courteous evasion."

W. F. CLARKE'S HIBERNATION THEORY ESTABLISHED FINALLY ON A FIRM BASIS.

The article with the above sub-heading in the C. B. J., of 1st, copied from Gleanings, was a huge "goak." I replied to it, and hoped that the reply as well as the article would be copied

into the C. B. J., but my reply has not, up to this date, appeared. Needless to say, that marvelous narrative has no connection whatever with my hibernation theory, except it be but that of a clumsy burlesque on it. Chilled Excess of cold arouses bees cannot hibernate. an abnormal activity, which ends in a fatal quietude—the quietude of death. Prof. McLain's article in the C. B. J., of June 15th, establishes my theory on a firm basis, and is the best scientific demonstration of it I have seen. My sincere thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the author, for a most valuable contribution to the voluminous discussions which have been had on wintering bees.

WM. F. CLARKE,

Guelph, July, 4, 1887.

We have the reply referred to by Mr. Clarke on fyle, and as soon as we have room for it shall give it.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

## THE BRITISH MARKET.

FTER all the useful hints given by the able correspondents of your valuable JOURNAL, as to the best means of securing a paying market for your colonial honey in the mother country, I was somewhat surprised that none have, as yet, "got into" a scheme, which, if adopted, would be the biggest of all booms. Why, don't you know, that when royalty coughs, all England sneezes, and that if the really excellent honey produced in Canada found its way to the royal table, and its good qualities merited Victoria's approval that tons of your "mel" would soon find its way acoss the Atlantic. Our presidents and governors are simply the servants of the sovereigns of this country-the people-and in the majority of cases are anxious to please their sovereigns, but in England another condition of affairs exists. The entrance of the Prince of Wales into an in England is an instantaneous signal all heads to turn like the sway of an immense machine, in the direction of England's heir apparent, and later on when laughter convulses the audience, the excuse inevitably, will be found in the fact that Wales has been amused at some witty remark, and the faces of the leading dukes, beauties, poets, statesmen and so forth, relax Whatever the amateur or their facial muscles. professional experts of England may think to the contrary, Yankee enterprize, ingenuity and tact solved this problem years ago, and all our good cousins have to do is simply to imitate the example set them and all will be well. C. R. Isham, of Peoria, Wyoming County, New York,

had a commission merchant named Hoge in England, trying, among other things to effect sales of his honey. Although the superiority of the American honey was not questioned, still the insular pride of the Britishers would not concede it, and his cause seemed forlorn until his landlord told him that if he could once get his honey on the royal table success was certain. The landlord introduced him to a former steward who was now in the grocery business, to whom he gave a large order for goods to be disposed of in America. The ex-steward next promised that he would see the present steward and prevail on him to place the American honey on the royal table, which he did. Victoria's palate was so tickled over this fit food for queens that she gave orders that hereafter American honey should be always served to her at meal times.

Hoge made this matter known to the public through the press, and thenceforth American honey was eagerly sought after. These are stubborn facts that cannot be gainsaid, and if our Canadian friends follow suit they may be in like manner just as successful.

GEO. J. MALONEY.

The trick which was piayed on the English people by Hoge has done more harm to American honey than all other things combined. It would not perhaps have been so bad if the man who performed the trick had kept quiet about it, but to come and blow about it, upset all his calculations, and to-day it is almost impossible to dispose of American honey in England. Certainly none of it has found its way to the royal table. Canadian honey has been eaten by Her Majesty the Queen, and Canadians are, for that matter, already honey producers to the Queen, but we are not going to trade upon the people's loyalty. want our honey to sell itself and we have no fear but in the right time some one will come to the front prepared to purchase and ship Canadian honey to the English market.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

CONTRACTION VS. MANIPULATION.

OTWITHSTANDING the diversity of views regarding which is the best method of securing this result, there is great unanimity in the decisions that to successfully raise comb honey the brood-nest must be full of brood at the opening of the honey harvest. Let the bees outstrip the queen and the honey flow will outstrip that colony. It is useless to extract the honey with the hope that

the queens will fill the empty cells with broods as the bees will at once re-fill the cells with honey. The only remedy is prevention. Of course, combs of brood might be taken from other colonies and given to this one, but this would only be "robbing Peter to pay Paul." If the queen is at fault, replace her with another, and then run the colony for extracted honey.

There are two methods of prevention: manipulation and contraction Manipulation usually consists in spreading the broad and taking combs from the outside of the brood-nest and placing them in the centre. To successfully practice this in the north, protection is needed early in the season. By using a brood-chamber of such a size that an ordinarily prolific queen can and will fill it with brood in the spring, the labor of manipulation is saved. Queens are cheap; as ordinarily reared in an apiary work. ed for honey they do not cost three cents apiece. Why not have enough of them to keep all the combs full of brood without being obliged to urge them to exertions by spreading the brood? The only objection is that a few more hives will be required, but each hive will cost less because smaller, and because wide boards are more expensive than narrow ones. But, if manipulation is to be employed, how much more econom; ical to practice it by manipulating hives instead of combs. Bees aim to keep their brood nest in a nearly spherical shape. If we are able to divide this brood nest horizontally through the middle, and then transpose the two half spheres, thus bringing their spherical surfaces together in the centre of the hive, we have accomplished in a twinkling nearly all that manipulation can do. We have placed at the top and bottom of the hive those portions containing the most brood, and brought to the centre those portions containing the least brood, and all by a simple twist of the wrist without touching a comb.

W Z. HUTCHINSON.

Rogersville, Genesee Co., Mich.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

A PLEA FOR THE BEES.

N many experiments and tests I have made during the last 15 years, at this, my home apiary, which I will state consists of about seven and a half acres of ground, and a beerhouse 100 feet long, in which I keep my bees on a platform, properly constructed for the stands so that the bees can at all times in the working season go and return at will, and as a means of protection from the forenoon sun, I have arranged grape vines, properly planted 15 feet apart at each front post, so they are thus supported, and branch out each way on the front

of said bes-house, furnishing a magnificent shade for the bee-hives as well, raising plenty of the finest of grapes each year, which are often left on the vines quite late in the fall and not a grape have I ever discovered as yet, being destroyed by the bees, although some seasons have been very unpropitious for honey, causing me to feed several stocks quite short in stores for their winter supply. But not a grape have Lever noticed being punctured or harmed by the bees, although many times the vines would hang very near the hives with plenty of the ripe fruit on them. This howl against the bees harming ripe grapes must surely come from those who are not posted or by some inate principle of natural hatred having concluded to make war on the bees. It seems to me that if any fair minded and unprejudiced fruit grower would take the time and pains to investigate the subject as they should, could without much difficulty learn the facts as stated above and not condemn and charge the honey bee with auch false accusations, as being guilty of destroying fruits of any kind while growing or ripening on the vines or trees, while on the other hand there are thousands of proofs in favor of the bees as being of great value in bringing about proper and much needed fertilization in many of the finest growing fruits in all parts of the United States as well as in all Europe. It has been practically demonstrated that bees are of great use and benefit in bringing about a proper fertilization in many of the fruits and berries grown, which could not be successfully matured without the aid of the honey bees. Let us hear from the opposing parties; with such facts as are true and not hearsay evidence, which is not good in court, or will not be Admissible.

J. M. Hicks.

Indiana.

Por the Canadian Bee Journal.

#### FERTILE WORKERS.

AVING observed some curious traits of these peculiar specimens of bee-life I submit them to the bee-keeping public.

this Spring but had a queen when looking over them soon after setting them out of the cellar. I fixed this one up and did not open it for some time knowing they had plenty provisions. Some time ago on looking at it I found no queen but considerable irregular raised brood proving it the work of fertile workers. I thought then of trying a plan of getting rid of them or getting them back to their normal condition. Accordingly on a day of a second

swarm I secured a young queen in a cage, went and took all the combs from them leaving them to roam around the empty hive for probably twenty minutes, then loosing the queen among them left them until they clustered on the quilt above. I then gave them a frame of brood from another colony and two empty combs and closed the hive leaving it a few days. On openthe hive I tound no queen but the workers were still laying in the empty comb: I thought they had baffled me, so closed the hive in disgust. Some few days afterwards curiosity tempted me to look again, when, to my delight the queen (which must have been out on her bridal tour the previous time) was laving regularly in the worker comb. Here she was on the same comb with two or three dozen fertile workers which occupied principally a patch of drone comb niling the eggs in by the dozen-they reminded me of a shoal of suckers in the bottom of a pond in midsummer-while holding the comb every little while they would back down in and deposit an egg. I do not know what her majesty though of this for she would go in head first to see if the cell was empty and finding the bottom literally covered with eggs come out again I suppose smiling inwardly saving to herself: "That's too much for me."

THOMAS STOKES.

Minesing, Ont.

It was evidently a case of fertile workers and if you had left the combs in the hive, it would have been very difficult to introduce a queen without the use of chloroform, but by the removal of all combs from the hive sufficiently long to allow the bees to learn their combless condition. There is no difficulty when the queen is in with them to shake them all up together and there is very little danger of losing a queen if introduced this way. We would advise you to shave all the heads off the young drones as fast as they are capped over. and if there are any combs which the queen has not laid in yet, that are not capped over, by laying them down and tapping them, there will be no difficulty in future, and allowing them to remain for an hour the drone brood will be re-The heads may be moved by the bees. shaved off the drones and the bees will quickly remove them from the cells. This will give your young queen ample room, but should they be scarce of young bees you might shake some down in front of the hive as spoken of in the JOURNAL a short time ago.

From the Ladies Domestic Magazine.

### APICULTURE.

THE ADVANTAGE, PROFIT AND PLEASURE DERIVED FROM KEEPING BEES.

HE study or rather profession of bee-keepo ing is one that at the present day holds its own with many another industry that has more public show, but which really benefits the world in a less degree than the hard-earned labors of our little stinging friends. The advantage of keeping bees in a rural district, in a small way, is the benefit done to the many acres of rich white clover (or any other flower or honey-secreting plant) the nectar, if left there is not as good for its growth or better development than if taken away by our little friends, as it fertilizes the flower and bloom, adding much to its growth and strength. It is not a very natural conclusion to come to that this honey is thus secreted in flowers and plants for man's use and not be uselessly wasted, when we consider this wholesome nectar of the gods, and not to dry up or evaporate under the powerful rays of the sun. Again the bees gather at the least two or three times more honey than they need for their own consumption; therefore man steps in and by means of modern improvements takes the surplus away (I speak more here in reference to extracted honey), leaving sufficient storage in the hive for the winter months to be passed through safely. profit of keeping bees is obvious-many persons starting out with one colony of bees (or hive, as is more generally used) have often put away into winter quarters three or four colonies for the next year's work, thus attaining a large percentage in his stock, besides the money obtained by the selling of the honey stored away by these interesting workers, or the satisfaction of having a good supply for his own table, something well worth considering. farmer has been ably assisted in his "rainy days' savings" by keeping a few colonies of bees, the expense of raising being of very small account, hives being manufactured of every description to suit the varied tastes of the now numerons apiculturists at a small cost. pleasure of bee-keeping is really a genuine one, and seems to grow with the veteran as well as the novice. From the time of taking the bees out from their winter quarters when after three long winter months, often more, I speak more particularly of Canada, they once more feel the fresh air and sunshine of the outer world, and buzz and fly around in contented enjoyment of the use of their wings once again. to the time of putting them back for their

winter's nap, it is a decided pleasure that the apiarist feels over his "little pets." examples of industry and untiring activity do we see displayed from the commencement of pollen gathering from the willows in spring to the thistles and golden rod of August and September. We see the bees ever at work, bringing in both their food and drink, while her majesty remains at home increasing their numbers daily by her wonderful egg producing qualities. Of a bright day in June when the white and alsike clover is well ripened, to watch the bees bringing in the sweets of nature and those starting out on a forage, is a pleasing sight, the quiet hum of contentment that the make when the honey flow is good is really \* stimulant to the lazy and a proof of the profitable result of harmonious working together. To watch a swarm of bees issuing out of the hive is a fine sight as they literally pour forth from their old home preparatory to seeking their new one, in all probability some large hollow tree 3 few miles off; they appear to lose all command of themselves and fly about hither and thither, causing such an uproar that to a novice it would appear quite perplexing; from within ten minutes to half an hour from the time of first leaving the hive the bees may be seen clustering on some low bush, tree or fence rail perhaps, shortly afterwards to again take flight, this time, however, for good. Many a pleasant hour can the apiarist pass watching the "busy bee" and many a lesson taken home as we see their great industry, their practicable ways and great respect they always pay to the head of their home, as with watchful care and attention they guard, feed and look after the welfare of the queen mother.

A. VEASY.

By Greentoft, Correspondent North West Farmer.

How the Bees Wintered In Manitoba.

intering in the Northwest is a subject of much interest to our bee-keepershere, and also to some who would like to bring bees with them from the east

to bring bees with them from the east I am aware that some have a desire to hear further in regard to the method sometime ago described by me. I may report my undiminished confidence in it. Last fall I packed up two stocks under chaff cushions, hay, and when it came snow. One of them was in fair condition and came through well. The other having an old queen and mostly old bees and few of them, perished. This untoward circumstance is explained in the following way: The one stock of the previous spring having an old queen and not indicating any intention of swarming, I

had to compel them to raise a new queen by dividing. The young queen was long in laying and Thelped her by giving several cends of eggs from the mother, thus resulting in paucity and feeblebess. Another cause was that I was rather too long in covering them from the winter with cushions and hay. Frost had got in more or less. And the snew was long in coming for their complete protection. The full stock had, as usual, somewhat defiled their hive before dying. The better stock was perfectly clean and healthy although they had suffered somewhat from the above causes. As to wintering in the North West, I have no fear whatever. My great difficulty, as I said before, is the want of natural Pasture. My clover was killed by drought last Year. I am trying again and my clover and buck wheat are both springing nicely at present June 7th.

## QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have 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.

## DOES REVERSING INJURE BROOD ?

Query No. 162.—Is it in any way an injury to the brood in reversing the frames?—McK.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODING, N.Y.-Think not.

Prof. A. J. Cook, Lansing, Mich.—Not in the least.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I don't know, but I think not.

S. T. Pettit, Belmont, Ont.—I have no experience, so do not know.

O. O. POPPLETON, HAWK'S PARK, FLA.—Have had no experience in reversing frames.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, Mich.—I cannot say from practical experience.

MARTIN EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—I never tried reversing. I don't think it is.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—I believe it to be an injury, as the reversing places the broad in an unnatural position.

DR. J.C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—I cannot speak from experience, as I never tried it. I do not think it would be injurious.

Percentage of Loss under Different Plans of Wintering.

QUERY No. 163.—What per cent loss is there generally in wintering bees outdoors packed, in bee house or cellar?

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—We have no statistics which warrant an answer so far as I know.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—No definite answer can be given as seasons and circumstances differ.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—This is something we have been trying to find out for years but don't know yet.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—I think from 10 to 20 per cent. would be successful wintering, either in doors or out.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—Different winters produce different results. Have lost as high as 75 per cent., and as low as 1 per cent.

O. O. POPPLETON, HAWK'S PARK, FLA.—I do not know what the general loss is, but my own has ranged from 10 to 15 per cent. for the past 12 years in out door wintering.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—The question is too hard for me to answer. There are so many careless bee-keepers it is hard to say how much their loss is or when it will end.

S. T. Pettit, Belmont, Ont.—At a guess I would say out doors, packed, 60 per cent; in bee-house or cellar, 30 per cent. I would add that the loss sustained by inexperienced persons has much to do with this large percentage of loss.

## SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

TWO DOLLARS WORTH OF THANKS.

Dr. W. L. Walker.—I have only missed getting two copies of the C. B. J. since away last winter. It is worth twice the cost. Received two more thanks (dollar bills) and credited your subscription list paid up and a little over.

Whitfield, Tenn., June, 1887.

#### CLIPPING QUEENS' WINGS.

J. H. Davison.—I have never sent in a statement of my present and past season's work, so I thought I would send a short one now. I put into winter quarters (a cellar under my house) twenty-eight colonies; lost one in cellar, had one weak and one without queen, united them and the balance were in good condition when placed on summer stands. They have increased well, and at this time are doing well. We have now forty stocks and several getting ready for swarming. The weather is fine and clover honey coming in good. The basswood in the clearings will be in bloom in a few days. I have had great satisfaction this season with natural swarms, as all my old queens are clipped and we just cage them when swarms come off, and then put a new hive on the old stand and as soon as the bees return we release our

queen and all is over. I shall clip all queens as soon as mated.

We are glad to learn of your success and hope it will continue. The present prospects are for a larger crop of linden than ever before. We are glad to have your experience with regard to clipping queens' wings.

#### DIVIDING.

I want to divide some of my bees in the fall. Which part would you advise to remain on the old stand, a new queen is to be given to one part.?

Bois D'arc, Mo., June 24th, 1887.

We would not advise the dividing of these late in the fall, at least not here. Tinkering with bees late in the season in Canada simply means spring dwind-Any division that you make it should be done not later than the end of August or the 1st of September. place the new colonies on the old stands removing the old ones some distance away you will catch all the old bees. The new colony would contain the old and some of the younger bees that had not marked the location which you had given them first. As the young queen is liable to lay earlier and more vigorously than the old one in the fall you had better perhaps put the young queen on the old stand, leaving the old queen with the majority of young bees.

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We are just advised that these have been shipped from the glass works, and we expect them in a few days. To save breaking bulk as much as we can, we append below a table of the quantities in which the shipment is put up, with

prices per barrel. In estimating the price we have calculated the same as for full gross lots, an allowance of 15c. being made per barrel.

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7	9 <del>1</del>	6.55
Bal. of Shipment	9 <del>1</del>	6.75

## PRICES CURRENT

#### BEESWAX

Beeton, July 13, 1887.

de at Beeton, at this date, sediment, (if any), deducted. American customers must remember that there is a duty of 25 per cent. on Wax coming into Canada.

#### FOUNDATION

## HONEY MARKETS.

#### BEETON.

Extracted.—Very little coming in For A 1 clover or linden, 8 cents is paid; mixed flavors, 7 cents; darker grades, 5 cents—60 lb. tins, 30 cents each allowed.

Comb.—None offered, with market dull. We have about 200 lbs. on hand, No. 1 will bring 14 cents; No. 2, 12 cts. per pound. See special notices.

#### DETROIT HONEY MARKET.

There is no good comb honey in the market Beeswax 23 to 24c.

M. H. HUNT.

## EXCHANGE AND MART.

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" " pound	3.00	2.50	1.85	1.75	1.70
Frame of Brood	1.75	1.50	1.00	1.00	.90
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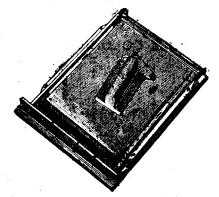
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