

report for the present year. I put into a clamp last fall, five colonies of Italian bees in double walled Jones' hives, the walls of those hives are three inches thick and packed with one inch of dry pine sawdust, the bottom part is the same thickness as the side walls. Three of those hives are made on the above plan, and a chaff hive with wall ten inches, and the other a Jones' double-walled porous sawdust hive. Bees were crowded on three to eight frames, according to strength of colony, and sawdust packed behind the division boards, and over the frames I placed cakes of candy two inches in thickness made from the best granulated sugar, and to the sugar was added one fourth of its weight of honey, before being made into candy. I gave each colony five pounds of this candy, which lasted until spring, with plenty of honey in their combs in April. After placing the candy over the frames I put a cloth over the candy, then laid several pieces of old newspapers on it, then pressed down on it a five inch sawdust cushion, which filled the super, then put on the roof. This completed my way of packing each hive. Then I set the hives into the clamp on a platform raised three inches from the ground, as close together as the hive roofs would allow. Around the hives were packed about one foot of dry sawdust and shavings, half and half of each, and over the hives were put about sixteen inches deep. Then I put on a slanting roof on the clamp. Before the entrances I left an air chamber about one foot wide and one foot deep, which gave free access to the entrance of each hive, and closed the entrances within three-eighths of an inch. Now this air chamber was closed up with a plank resting on its edge on the ground which was used as door to permit the bees to fly in fine weather. At each end of this air chamber was a small ventilator nailed up against the front of the clamp to admit fresh air into this chamber. The front of the clamp was towards the south, and stood close to a fence and I kept it buried in snow all winter. When the weather was very severe I closed those ventilators. I left the bees in this clamp till June. Examined the bees on the 28th of February and found them all right. Bees had not a single fly from the 19th of November until the 9th of April. Bees wintered well, as there were very few dead bees on the bottom boards of their hives. In July I divided up those five colonies into ten colonies, which are very strong at present. I only got about 315 pounds of honey from them. White clover was a failure. Basswood and Canada thistle was our mainstay. Honey season closed about the 5th of August. I am well pleased with the C. B. J.; its form is very neat and it is a very welcome visitor at my home every week.

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BRETON, ONTARIO, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1885.

We have no more Queens for sale—all we had to spare are gone.

We have a lot of odd sizes in sections which we are offering at low rates. We will publish a list of the sizes and qualities shortly.

Our subscription list is still growing—thanks to the kind efforts of our many friends, and we are receiving many flattering notices of our feeble efforts to make a good JOURNAL. We shall continue to do our best.

Owing to ill-health of himself and Mrs Poppleton, Mr. O. O. Poppleton will not be with us at Detroit, as they have, probably ere this, landed in sunny Florida their abode for the winter. We hope that they will find the good health they are in search of and that they will return to Iowa in the spring-time fully recovered and ready for the season's round of labors.

We are glad to see evidence of increasing prosperity everywhere, and no more so with anyone than our friend E. C. Campbell, of Cayuga Advocate. Friend C. is just putting in steam fittings in his office and a new steam-press. We are glad to know that his business justifies this onward movement. Long may it continue to increase. Mr. C. is secretary of the Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association and as such is known to bee-keeping enthusiasts.

THE HONEY MARKET.

We are filling a good many orders for honey just now, all of them letter orders and got without solicitation. The bulk of it goes out in 60 lb. cases in tins holding 1, 2½ and 5 lb.; and the price for the honey nets us to the retail trade 10 to 10½ per lb., packages extra. We have sold none less than these figures, though sales by others have been reported at eight and nine cents; we do not think it policy to slaughter the prices, because as soon as the canned fruits are out of the market there will be a more lively demand for honey, and prices as a consequence better.