

runs about one or two hundred feet from each end of clamp to the east and west giving a direct circulation of air in front of all the hives from outside, no matter which way the wind is blowing for furnishing a current of pure air all the time. Now this clamp is covered over with earth two feet deep and remains that way until late in the spring when the earth is thrown back, the straw pulled away and the bees allowed to fly until fruit bloom.

For the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A Lecture at McMaster Hall.

FREQUENT mention in your journal, and in the leading newspapers, of Mr. G. B. Jones's illustrated lectures on the honey bee, leads me to say a few words through your columns regarding the one I attended. It was I believe his first attempt in public, and was given before the Theological and Literary Society of McMaster University, Toronto, of which I am a member. It is needless to say that University Students form a criticising audience; and when I tell you that as one man this audience was delighted and enthusiastic in both the praise of the subject and the way it was handled, and that the society passed a unanimous resolution to the effect that this was their best entertainment of the season, you may be satisfied that it was a benefit to the cause and a credit to the devotees of scientific apiculture. As a practical bee man myself I may be in a fair position to judge of such a lecture, and I am anxious to say that the speaker kept carefully to the exact truth and that there was no exaggeration of the wonders he described, as some persons imagine is necessary for a public audience, and that without any pretence to oratory or any show of elocution Mr. Jones in a most happy manner, led his hearers by chart and description from one organ to another of the bee's wonderful anatomy, almost dazing them with the view of infinitesimal grandeur thus displayed before them. He then instructed them in the history of his subject, stopping occasionally to relate some interesting and highly amusing story about the actions of bees in certain peculiar circumstances. Finally he proved that the great work of the bee was the fertilization of flowers rather than the gathering of honey. Now Sir I don't want to occupy too much of your space but I do feel that these lectures are of great value in forwarding the interest of bee-keepers by interesting outsiders in the honey bee and through it in honey thus largely improving our honey market

and gaining public favor towards bee-keepers as a class. Why the effect of this lecture upon my fellow students was such that for the next week although examinations were close upon us they were "talking bees" at every opportunity crowding me with innumerable questions on the subject. If Mr. Jones ever lectures where bee-keepers can hear him I advise them not to let the opportunity pass. They should make great efforts to be present, and bring their friends, for although these lectures are intended for the general public the bee-men will be delighted with and instructed by them. The inspection of the charts alone is worth a long journey.

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FURTHER REPORTS.

ONTARIO.

LANARK.

Since last report the weather has been very unfavorable for honey gathering, rain every second day, cold and cloudy, very near a frost two mornings. Yesterday (Sunday) was fine and the bees made good use of it. Appears to be a good supply of fall pasture if the weather was only suitable. Other localities may be better as some of our heaviest rains are only local showers. Bees are in good condition excepting those colonies that have lost their queens and with me that is quite a heavy percentage. Most of them were lost or driven out about mating time but some have been missed after they were laying nicely.

J. K. DARLING.

Almonte, Aug. 19, 1889.

SIMCOE.

Bees are still swarming with me. Five have come off the past two days. Honey is steadily coming in when weather is favorable.

THOS. STOKES.

Minesing.

SIMCOE.

On 7th inst. I took twenty pounds per hive—the result of one week's gathering—making seventy-five pounds surplus per colony. Since the above date, however, honey has ceased coming in. The days and nights have been cool and cold. Unless warm weather sets in our fall flow will be light. Prices, wholesale 11 and 12 cents extracted; comb, 18 to 25 retail.

J. R. BLACK.

Barrie.

LINCOLN.

I have not been able to send report of season's crop only I am very thankful for what I have.