

was too much of unsuitable fall honey from spruce trees, heathers and other sources. They condemn all honey that granulates in the hive. Extract that honey, feed sugar-syrup in the fall, and feed the honey thinned with water back again in spring.—Muncher Bienenzeitung.

Nectar and its Pro-creation.

Isaak Hopkins, director of state apiaries of New-Zealand, gives the following information on nectar and its pro-creation. Chemical analyzations ascertain that the sweet stuff, even if taken up and transformed by the plant, is not one of her own secretions which will exhaust the soil; it is of elements which are in abundance in the atmosphere, and do not contain organic or mineral substances which come from the ground or from the manure used in agriculture. It is also not a part of the plant in the form the bees take it up, but is really a superfluous secretion, which, if the bees did not gather for the benefit of man, would only serve other insects that do not store honey for food; or would only dry up and go back to its primitive form again. Hopkins says that the best authorities on this matter agree with him. He also thinks that the nectar secretion only exists at the time of the necessary fertilization, so that the insects will be attracted, and the nectar will be the compensation for their valuable service.—Luxemburger Bienenzeitung.

I HAVE every copy of the C.B.J. since it was started by D. A. Jones over 20 years ago. I cannot afford to give it up.—GEO. WOOD, Wesley, Ont.

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The article, page 33 C.B.J., from "Apis" re the Honey Department Ottawa Exhibition 1907 has brought so many pleasant memories to me that even in sorrow sometimes we have to rejoice when we learn that we have a sincere friend in the person of the gentleman who signs himself "Apis." I think it is only justice to him and the hundreds of friends whom I had the honour of meeting for nearly a score of years as exhibitors, managers, and visitors at the Central Canada Fair at Ottawa to give a short explanation why I dropped down and out, and left my chair vacant at

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