SUNNY CORNER

Sunny Corner, Nov. 29—Misses Ida Mullin and Verna Hare, Newcastle, spent S nday wi h the former's mother here.

Mrs. Johnston and daughter Mary E. of Sillikers are visiting relatives at the corner.

Misses Sadie Tozer and Helen Mc Lean also Master G. Leach are on the sick list but with Dr. Bell and Dr. McGrath in attendance we hope for speedy recovery.

Mrs. Belle Matchett has gone to Boom Road for a while.

Miss K. O'Shea was the guest of Mrs. Thomas O Shea here.

A large number of folks attended the ten cent tea in Red Bank on Thursday afternoon and report an extra good time.

Drop In Price Of Spruce Lumber In Ottawa Market

Ottawa, Nov. 23—A drop of five co.a s per t.ousand feet in the sale price of spruce lumber has been made in the Ottawa lumber market, according to an anno.ncement yesterday. The rea.on for the dr.p, it is said, s due largely to the inactive dealing which has been going on in the spruce market for the past several weeks.

The prices of all grades of pine are reported to be holding absolutely firm, though there is at the present time very little trading going on in any of the lumber stocks. Dealers on the whole described the market as being dead, and attributed its cause chiefly to the aftermath of the presidential elections in the United States and the slackening of the demand from public buyers.

Improving the Bee

and cultivated plant has been improved by selective breeding. With bees, however, not much progress has been made because of the great difficulty in isolating them. They mate in the air at some distance from the hive and it is known that the drone bee will fly for miles in search of the queen bee.

It might be thought that the busy bee could hardly be improved, but Canada contains varieties of solitary bees whose tireless industry make the honey bee appear dilatory in comparison. Besides, we know that great improvements await the bee breeder because some colonies store much more honey and are less inclined to swarm than others. Any bee-keeper would give much to have his apiary composed of such superior bees.

The Experimental Farms Branch of the Dominion Government has for some time been conducting experiments to overcome the difficulty of the isolated mating of bees. The first attempt was made on a large sandy plain near Kapuskasing about forty miles north of Ottawa at a spot where no colonies of bees could be found within three miles; but the young bees produced were dark coloured, showing that the queens had even mated by the local black drones. Attempts were then made to mate the queens late in the day when the undesirable drones had ceased flying and also late in the season when these drones had died. The results gave valuable information but they did not solve the problem.

Next, a part of the north country that bees have not yet reached was tried, the Experimental Farm at Kapuskasing in northern Ontario being selected, but here the little colonies were made restless by the great and sudden changes in temperature, and swarmed out when the queens flew.

In 1919, experiments were started on Duck Island which is situated near the eastern end of Lake Ontario, and is eight miles from the nearest island and over eleven miles from the mainland. Duck Island covers only about two square miles and no bees exist upon it. The Duck Island experiments were continued in 1920 and have proven successful, twenty-seven Italian queens of selected parentage having been mated by the drones that were brought with them. By continuing the work it is hoped to develop a strain of Italian bees that will be heavy honey producers and disinclined to swarm. Meanwhile, plans are advanced to distribute to Canadian bee-keepers a limited number of daughters of the best of the queens mated on Duck Island, and a system has been worked out by which a bee-keeper will be able to mate a proportion of the queens he gets with drones of the same strain.

L. S. Brown Goes To Montreal

Several changes are made in the staff of the Canadian National Railways and Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, by a circular issued by the President, D. B. Hanna, under date of December 1st.

R. C. Vaughan, Toronto, is appointed vice-president in charge of purchases, supplies and stores, with jurisdiction to extend to the affiliated and subsidiary companies of the railways.

F. P. Brady, general manager of Eastern Lines, at Montreal, is appointed assistant to the executive with offices at Toronto.

W. A. Kingsland, assistant general manager of Eastern Lines, at Montreal, succeeds Mr. Brady as general manager of Eastern Lines, with offices at Montreal.

L. S. Brown, general superintendent of the Maritime District at Moncton, N. B. succeeds Mr. Kingsland as assistant general manager of Eastern Lines with offices at Montreal.

Changes at Moncton

J. C. O'Connell, superintendent of Winnipeg succeeds Mr. Brown as general superintendent of the Maritime District, with offices at Moncton, N. B.

W. H. Devenish, superintendent of the Moncton Division at Moncton, N. B., is appointed general superintendent of the Ontario District, with offices at Toronto.

A. C. Barker, superintendent of telegraphs at Moncton, N. B. succeeds Mr. Devenish as superintendent of the Moncton Division, with offices at Moncton.

W. N. Rippey, superintendent of car service at Moncton, N. B., is appointed superintendent of transportation, Maritime Division with offices at Moncton.

A. P. Gorbell, car accountant at Moncton, N. B., succeeds Mr. Rippey as superintendent of car service, with jurisdiction over all lines south and east of the St. Lawrence River, with offices at Moncton.

J. D. McNutt is appointed assistant superintendent with offices at Truro.

RIVER FROZEN

The river opposite Newcastle was frozen on Monday morning after Sunday nights' keen frost.