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FRUIT—J. W. Clark,
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SENTATIVE AND HOW
THE BEE-KEEPER—A.
S.A., Stirling, Ont.

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ture, Experimental
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QUEENS AND SWARMING

Y SELWYN.

the 25th of August
very day previous
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vertheless true, and
if it? Queens too
ll, season rear end

Has any one else
trouble? I should
ard with the man
ards. So far as I
willing to wager
old queen in the
t been on the spot
ie day and kept
ly shovelling!—
hel. I just wish I

snap a few of the
ie days confronted
yard after a hur-
n made me think
aim the queens of
e of former years
Why, eight frames
arently simply no-
fill, and in quick
only eight, but
half the brood in-
t above the queen-
er bloom started.

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That's what makes me think even
apiarists with twelve-frame hives would
have lost many swarms. Certainly, if
last fall prohibited brood-rearing, this
fall favored to the utmost; 150 strong
vigorous Italian colonies in one yard,
and all gaining heavily on the golden-
rod and aster. Copious rains have ad-
vanced their growth, and the heat has
secreted the nectar in abundance. But
to revert to the swarming fever. Is
there any remedy under such conditions
as above stated? If so, I would be
glad, indeed, to know. Not only were

and once they got the notion to swarm,
half-a-dozen empty supers wouldn't
hold them. There are many bee trees
in this vicinity now that never existed
before, and mighty fine Italians, too,
headed with the best queens I raised
this season. Generally, when a young
queen is introduced in August, swarm-
ing is over and done with, but for some
unknown reason every single one of
them came out and led away the bees.
This I discovered mostly after they had
flown. Of course, a queen given some
days after the removal of the queen to



SOME TORONTO BEE-KEEPERS

first swarms cast, but second and third
if the bees got half a chance. The fact
that only one cell was left the parent
hive to provide a virgin seemed to
make no difference. As soon as she
hatched, out they came, regardless of
what became of the remaining brood.
Evidently no hard-and-fast rules can
ever be applied to bees, so great are
their vagaries. Following, rather natu-
rally, last season's program, I concluded
after clover flow the queens would knock
off laying to a great extent, but they
appear to have done just the reverse,

be replaced means queen-cells raised in
the interim, but all the queens intro-
duced went into the hives at the minute
of taking out the old original. Yet they
built cells by the dozen. I don't un-
derstand yet what was the trouble, and
probably never will, but swarm they
did, and continue to do so daily.

Kirk's Ferry, Que.

It is poor policy to equip yourself for
business and then fail to tell the public
about it—advertise.