

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

IOWA STATE HAS A SHORT CROP.

O. O. POPPLETON, Williamstown, Iowa, September 29th, 1885.—My honey crop this year is about 70 pounds per colony; the smallest I have had for several years, and only a trifle over a half-average yield for the past dozen years. From reports at the State Convention, I judge the loss of bees in the State last winter was about two-thirds, and this year's crop of honey about one half the average from the bees that were left, making a small aggregate yield.

THE SEASON AT THE NORTH.

There has been a partial failure of honey in the North and West, this season. In some parts of Michigan and Wisconsin large quantities of honey were obtained from basswood, but in other parts no honey was made. White clover honey, which is second to none, has been an almost entire failure, owing to cool weather, during its blooming. In this locality (Peoria Co., Ill.) during the month of August, there have been abundant showers, and vegetation is green and flourishing, but the weather has resembled October in coolness. Bees, in all localities heard from, have been able to make a living, and a little more, and are strong in numbers—hives are universally running over with bees. There has been honey enough to keep up brood-rearing all the time. Had there been a great flow of honey, the brood nest would have been filled with honey to its exclusion.—Mrs. Harrison in *Prairie Farmer*.

REPORT OF THE SEASON.

F. Mehlenbacher, Fisherville, Ont.—I started in the Spring with nine colonies; increased them to twenty, and have taken 1230 lbs. of honey. All my colonies have good sealed stores from clover and basswood, and are strong in bees. I could have taken quite a few hundred pounds more honey if I had crowded my bees, but my aim is to always have a good article, let the amount be what it will. My honey is about all sold and most of it right at home.

A GOOD WORD FOR OUR TORONTO EXHIBITION.

Beginners or strangers need not be afraid that because such injustice will be done to them as some imagine, for I am convinced that the Exhibition is properly and honestly conducted. As I wished to exhibit some clover honey at Toronto, but could not very well be present, I sent it per express to the superintendent of the honey Department, asking him to kindly see that it was properly exhibited, and the result is, it has taken first prize. Many thanks to the

superintendent for the care and attention he has given it. If you could give me his name and address I would feel like sending him a can of it as a present.

H. J. Hill, Toronto, is Secretary and Manager of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association; he has filled that position with great credit to himself and profit to the Association ever since its inception. Every exhibit entrusted to the care of the officers of the association will receive prompt and careful attention.

KIND WORDS FROM A SUBSCRIBER.

WILLIAM FLAGSTAFF, AMIGARI.—Dear Sir and Apiarian Brother.—I am more than delighted at the appearance of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and much pleased also with your Canadian pluck in adhering to the title *Bee journal*. I began bee-keeping in 1866, and continued so to do until 1872, when changing my occupation, I was compelled to be from home for weeks, and therefore I disposed of my stock. However, I still retained my love for apiculture, and kept myself posted as well as the migratory nature of my business permitted. I intend, before many moons, again to devote my leisure time to my favorite amusement, and if you can occasionally spare a corner in our "Canadian Bee," I shall be delighted to assist as far as my feeble efforts and scant knowledge will permit in making the "CANADIAN BEE" the bee journal not only of America, but of the world. I do not see why predominance should be claimed for the *American Bee Journal*, because, unless my memory is at fault, the *French Bee Journal* was in existence before the lamented Wagner printed the first volume of the *A. B. J.* in Washington, A.D. 1861.

We thank you for your kind and flattering wishes in connection with the JOURNAL and we assure you we shall be pleased to have articles on current topics from you at any time.

MORE ABOUT BASSWOOD.

A. GILCHRIST, GUELPH.—Find enclosed the flowers of a late flowering basswood, also seed pods of another variety showing the difference in their time of blooming; they are both growing in an isolated position, a light piece of land. I will give fuller description of them as soon as I can find time.

Thanks, Friend Gilchrist, for the the flowers and buds you sent. The one appears to have bloomed fully two