

wintering. Would like your opinion of it. It is like the common rack divided into three sections lengthwise; the centre one comes out in the winter and is made of about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stuff and to fit tightly; it can be replaced in the summer and you then have a common rack. If two such racks are placed together in the centre of the hive there will be about 3 square inches of a space for the bees to cluster in and their food will be all around them.

Sylvan, Jan. 20th, 1886.

It seems to us that a 3 inch space cut out of the centre of the combs from top to bottom would be too much. If it was $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at the top and 2 inches at the bottom it would be all that is necessary, even less would answer. Your idea of having a space in the centre of the hive so that the bees can move from one comb to another is a good one, and it is about to be carried out in a different and we think more simple and practicable way.

S. NEFF.—I commenced the season of 1885 with 14 colonies most in the Jones hive, increased to 45 partly by dividing and partly by natural swarming; obtained 500 lbs. extracted honey. Fed 250 lbs. granulated sugar to get them ready for winter quarters, and put 27 in cellar and 18 in sawdust clamp.

Arkona Apiary, Ont.

REPORT FOR 1885.

L. A. BURKHOLDER.—Began the spring with 60 colonies of bees, and my crop of honey amounted to 4,000 lbs., nearly all extracted; sold all at 10 cents per pound. Have 92 colonies in winter quarters; 66 in cellar and 26 packed with dry sawdust on summer stands.

Hamilton, Ont., January, 1886.

TEMPERATURE FOR BROOD REARING.

I. LANGSTROTH.—Which is easiest for a colony of bees to keep up the temperature high enough for rearing brood in a shallow "L" frame or in a deep frame like the "Jones?"

Seaforth, Dec. 21, 1885.

We have always been able to produce more brood in our style of frame, possibly the difference in management has something to do with it.

PRICE LISTS AND CIRCULARS RECEIVED.

C. Weckesser, Marshallville, O., bees and queens by the pound.

J. B. Mason & Sons, Mechanics Falls, Maine, bees, queens, supplies—49 pages.

THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

JONES, MACPHERSON & CO.,

EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS,

BEETON, ONTARIO.

WEEKLY, \$1.00 per Year, Postpaid

BEETON, ONTARIO, FEBRUARY 3RD 1886.

The *American Agriculturist* is to hand for February, and is as replete with beautifully illustrated and well written articles as usual.

The latest addition to the bee-periodicals of the country is *The Bee-Keeper's Index* published at Ovid, Mich. It is monthly and the price is 25c. per year. The number of pages is eight, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ inches.

The annual seed catalogue of Jno. A. Bruce & Co., of Hamilton, is to hand, replete with well-engraved illustrations of all new varieties of flowers, etc. Thirty-five years of success in the business should attest the square-dealing which characterises this firm.

The "Chapman Honey Plant," of which specimens were shown at the Detroit Convention is to receive a thorough test next season. A committee consisting of President Root (L.C.) Prof. N. W. McLain, and A. E. Manum, were appointed to investigate its merits. Mr. Chapman will invite a number of gentlemen to visit his place during July, next to see the bees at work on the plant.

We have received at the hands of the author, [Thos. G. Newman, editor of *A.B.J.*], a neatly printed book of 84 pages, containing a history of the North American Bee-Keepers' Society, [together with a digest of its annual conventions] from 1870 to 1884, and a full report of the [last convention held at Detroit in December] of last year, a report of which was published in the *C. B. JOURNAL*. The price, we find on reference to the *A. B. J.* is 25 cents. It should find a ready sale at that price.

Speaking of the Detroit Convention, an exchange there says:—The bee-keepers seem to absorb something of the traditional virtues of the insect they cultivate. Those attending the convention now in session in this city stop at a temperance hotel, seldom indulge in the dissipation of a theatrical entertainment, retire early, and are strangers to the fascination of the weed. The boy who keeps the cigar stand at the Antislavery house, to a remark about trade,