

is at its old tricks again. There is a pint of dead bees in front of the hive, and any number shaking with "palsy."

Sheboygan Falls, Wis., June 25th, 1886.

SLATTED HONEY BOARDS.

For what purpose is intended your slatted honey board and where do you fix it?

The slatted honey-board is to prevent the bees building brace combs, and to assist in keeping the queen out of the sections. The kind of honey-board we prefer, you will find described on page 245 of the JOURNAL—as also illustration of same.

USING TIN SUPPORTS.

When you place sections in the supers of comb-honey hives, do you fix the tin supports on either side of the supers (in the grooves) so you can reverse your supers without taking out the sections?

The supers are reversible, if you so desire, by using tin strips both top and bottom of sections, with tin strips to hold them in place, shoved into saw-cuts in the super, so as to catch the ends of 1 rests. The skeleton crates may be reversed or interchanged at will.

TWO SWARMS IN TWO DAYS.

S. DONALDSON.—My apiary consists of only 2 colonies, and I would like to tell you of the success I had with one of them, and would like to know if you have ever had anything like it occur in your apiary. On Monday, 14th June, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as I was standing watching my bees there came off a swarm which I hived. On the next morning, Tuesday, about 11 o'clock another swarm came off which I hived, and all of them are doing well.

Thornbury, June 17th.

We have known just such an occurrence to happen, the reason being that more than one queen had hatched in the hive. The remaining queen cells had not been cut out after the first swarm had gone from its old quarters.

A POOR SEASON IN MIDDLESEX.

WM. COLEMAN.—The honey season of 1886 has come and gone, and it has been a very poor one in this locality, viz., County of Middlesex, Ont. The white clover which usually lasts six weeks only lasted three weeks. The dry weather was the cause and the basswood was almost a failure, not having yielded more than ten pounds to the colony. My bees have only averaged forty-five pounds spring count.

Bee-keepers generally would do well to note this and not sell their honey below its value. Devizes, Ont.

BEES WORKING IN TOP STORY.

F. W. FULFORD.—Will you kindly explain how I can have bees work in section boxes placed in top story? My bees do not go up into the boxes which are filled with foundation full size.

Brookville, July 20th '86.

It is difficult, when little or no honey is coming in, to get bees to work in sections regardless of their position. A lady who called this morning told us she had induced her bees to work in sections when no honey was coming in, by placing uncapped combs filled with honey over the sections, and by this means has all surplus honey nicely stored in sections. It is necessary to crowd the bees in brood chamber in order to get them to work in sections.

HOW LONG SHOULD THE EXTRACTOR BE RUN.

ROBT. KENNEDY.—I thank you for replying to my questions in regard to the Heddon hive and other matters, so fully in the C. B. J. Will you kindly let me know through the JOURNAL how long in the season the extractor should be run? On how many combs can a colony be safely wintered? Also, what should be the weight of the colony in Gallup hive?

Bethany, Ont., July 26th, 1886.

It depends entirely upon the honey flow. Some seasons we have run the extractor six weeks and longer, at other times scarcely any. We watch the season and extract the honey as fast as it is stored and ripened. Before the season closes, allow the bees to store sufficient for winter, which requires about 30 lbs. After that is stored, we extract any surplus honey there may be, to prevent crowding of brood. A colony could be kept on two or three combs if they contained sufficient stores to carry them through. The fewer combs they are on the more bees are clustered together, thus requiring less food, and utilizing their heat more economically. Do not know the weight of the Gallup hive.

FAIR SEASON AROUND BRANTFORD.

R. F. HOLTERMANN.—Our honey season is once more about drawing to a close. As before stated bees build up remarkably early. We had a moderate and continuous honey flow from fruit bloom, or earlier, to clover. In the vicinity of