

would put on a new stand, filling both hives with frames and foundation.

The new queen has been sent to you, and upon receipt you had better shake the bees from the combs and examine them carefully, breaking down any queen cells on the way. Then introduce the queen as per printed directions on the cage cover. Also break down any queen cells which may be on the combs, in the hive with queen, there may have been built for swarming; if this is not done, this hive may swarm and the young queen remain in the old hive.—Ed.]

I see you have changed the style of the slot; why is this? I have often thought that on the style, shape, or size of the slot there depends a good deal in the comfort of the bee in working, and I can't avoid so far in coming to the conclusion after eight years observation that a better and more uniform deposit of honey could be produced by having a more respectful regard to the bee's comfort in working. I would suggest that the slots should therefore be so narrow that when two sections are placed together the space should be the same as the perforated metal i. e. $\frac{1}{6}$ in. Please note these remarks and reply at your convenience.

The clover honey so far this season in this locality is none, for which I can only account by unusually low temperature and the succeeding drouth,

M. LEPPER.

It has been thoroughly demonstrated that owing to swelling and shrinkage, and for other causes it is a difficult matter if not impossible to cut wood so it will exclude the queen and admit the worker bees. Aside from the impracticability of doing this with section, there would be a tendency to keep the bees out of the sections, and last but not least, there is no necessity for such an arrangement, and there is rarely any necessity for a queen excluder when running for comb honey, as the queen very rarely deposits eggs in the sections. The only time we put a queen excluder between the section super and the brood chamber is when we have the swarm on starters only and put a section super on with partially drawn out comb or even full sheets of foundation in the sections.—Ed.

Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association.

The above met at Nelles' Corners, Saturday, May 29th. the president, Mr. James Armstrong. Cheapside, in the chair. Among those present were James Armstrong, E. C. Campbell, Robert Coverdale, Wm. Kindree, Alex Stewart, Isaac G. Wismer, Wm. Atkinson, C. Best.

In reporting the winter losses, the president reported 60 last fall, 55 in the spring. He stated he thought three had been packed too warm; the other two were queenless. He packed in the following manner: The clamp holds 16 colonies, 8 on each side; they fly out on each side; 3 in. apart in clamp; 1 in. of packing between: backs to backs; 4 in. front and 10 in. on top. He uses sawdust for packing bees. Has used clover chaff, but did not like that as well. Will reduce sawdust packing on top to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.; entrance 6 in. by 3 in. For his Heddon hives, 3 in. all round, 5 in. on top, and about 4 in. on bottom. He used to use new cloths, but now uses the old proplized.

Mr. Kindree . . .	40	winter,	84	spring.
Wm. Atkinson, 22	"	16	"	"
R't. Coverdale, 35	"	24	"	"
Alex Stewart . . .	5	"	5	"
I. G. Wismer . . .	52	"	51	"
C. Best	14	"	13	"
Isaac Overhill, 22	"	21	"	"
Dav. High	10	"	7	"
Jas. Jack	33	"	27	"

Mr. Coverdale had fed cheap brown sugar to one in the fall; it was dead in the spring.

Mr. Stewart wintered outside; 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. packing all around.

Mr. Wismer had first swarm on 8th May.

Mr. Best had one swarm starve.

Mr. Atkinson packed some bees in clamps some with wire cloth and queen excluder over frames, others with wood cover. He had from 1 ft. to 2 ft. leaves on top. These with wood cover on top wintered best.

The president followed with a paper on the production of comb honey, which will be given in another place.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Armstrong was asked,—

Do you use full sheets of foundation? He said, I use full sheets right through.

Do you use a bait section in first sugar? Yes, to get them to go up.

A discussion took place on packing for not, for spring protection. No definite reply could be given.