

Bees and Ants.

The other day I was among my bees when my attention was attracted to one hive which I saw several ants running in and out of. I watched, and in a little time saw an ant running with something white in its mouth. I managed to catch it and found it was eggs, to make sure I put them under a microscope and found they exactly corresponded with the plate of queen's eggs which is in the A. B. C. of Bee Culture. Whether it is generally known or not that ants do take queen's eggs, I do not know, but as I am only a beginner in bee-keeping I perhaps spend more time watching their habits than most people. As I was always a great admirer of the insect.

G. H. STANFORD,
Hamilton, Ont.

[We were rather surprised to receive the above communication and after thinking the matter over came to the conclusion that it might be possible, that it would require a somewhat minute examination to detect the difference between a bee egg and that of the ant. We have never heard of ants taking the eggs of the queen bee.—ED.]

Correspondence.

A BLUNDER CORRECTED.

On the 19th July. 1894. the member for East Middlesex, wrote me as follows: "You no doubt have heard the fate of your bill and also the clause in Mr. Woods. Both have been thrown out by the Senate."

This was a mistake for in the words of Dr. Sproule, M. P., "the Bill was not reached" The public should know the true position; hence this correction.

S. T. PETTIT.

Belmont, Ont., June 15th, 1895.

My best colony swarmed to-day.

GEO. McCULLOCH,

Harwood, Ont., June. 1st.

Correspondence.

Our bees started to swarm 29th May and are working very well. One of the Italian queens, has a beautiful cluster of young bees. They are very pretty to look at, and if they are as good to work, I should like to have more of them. There has been a great deal of rain lately which has kept the bees back some, but I expect they will do well this year. The alsike is out in full bloom and the basswood is loaded with bulbs ready to open out.

J. FIXTER,

Dominion Exp. Farm, Ottawa.

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