

management of bees he may prefer doing so. I work for extracted honey alone. It is a simpler operation and all things considered is, I believe, as profitable as the other—perhaps more so. As to handling: The happiest time in a bee's life is when he is working hard, especially if his task is taking in honey; and this is the time to do business with him. Take a sunny afternoon and a calm one if possible to do your extracting and any other work necessitating the opening of the hives, and nine times in ten you will find the "few puffs of smoke" recommended by so many to be worse than superfluous. I never use a smoker, though we have them about the place; but I would advise beginners to use veil and gloves. If they find they can do without them as they get acquainted with their work, well and good. Avoid sudden and violent movements among your bees; all jarring and jolting of hives; treat them well, paying due regard to their habits and peculiarities of disposition, and generally you will be treated well by them.

Some discussion has taken place on the subject of non-granulating honey. I have samples taken at different dates last summer from July 20th to September 20th. Some of them granulated within a few weeks, others more slowly, while one sample, taken August 11th, has not granulated yet. I cannot say what plants the bees were working on about that date, but observation another year may help towards a solution of this question.

DISCUSSION.

Question. What are the best kind of bees to get?

MR. GUNN. The choice seems to be always between the black and the banded bee, and I think banded bees are the best.

MR. BEDFORD. I cannot see why any man wants a veil and gloves to go amongst the bees as they always give due warning when they are going to sting, and then it is best to let them alone, as nothing can be done with them until they quiet down. They speak as plainly as any man can do when they mean mischief. I would like to see more bees kept in the province. The product of the hive is a wholesome food, and every house should have a full supply of it.