

tween the one hundred and the three hundred. Sometimes we have had nearly five hundred in one yard but we prefer to keep only one to two hundred in each unless the bee-range is an extra good one. There *are* localities that would be as much over-stocked with 50 colonies as others would be with 500. So that it all depends upon the locality you may say.

QUERY 49.

WM. McEVoy.—I am very much pleased with the way the boys in your school handle Queries and Replies. Query No. 49, "Judging Honey." Will you tell the boys through the C. B. JOURNAL that I always want clover honey to have 100 points for color and 100 for texture and then the flavor will be right 999 times out of 1000 unless it gets too much air. Clover should never get any air. I want Basswood to have 100 for color, 100 for thickness and it will be all right, but should have some 3 days air, but no more.

Woodburn, Dec. 18, 1885.

QUEEN NURSERY—GLASSING SECTIONS.

K. E. KARDNER.—The more I read the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL the more I prize it and better I like it. I would not be without it for twice its cost. I see by the C. B. J. that the size of your frame is $10\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ inches—a nice size I think. I am using part L. and part F. Boomhower's hives, which I like very much indeed, the frames of the latter are $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep by $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches long outside measure, they are nice to handle and are good wintering hives. By the way, any one wishing bees can do no better than send to F. Boomhower, his stock is No. 1 in every respect, and he is a straight honorable man to deal with; I speak from experience as I have done considerable business with him. My bees have done well this season, they have doubled spring count and have given a good yield of surplus honey. I have now 25 full colonies and 6 nuclei. I only allow my bees to swarm once, unless of course they get the start of me. Give me a clipped queen every time. I live but 30 or 40 miles from our esteemed bee-friend G. M. Doolittle, though so near I have not had the pleasure of meeting him, much as I would like to. Please send price of Queen Nursery which you mention on page 243 (July 15th) of the C. B. J. How do you glass those sections shown on page 3 (April 1st)?

Delphi, N. Y., Nov. 20th, 1885.

You ought to pay Friend Doolittle a visit. We are sure you would be delighted to meet him. When we met him and got talking about bees, we almost forgot everything else. We chatted away (we were going to say all night) but if we remember rightly he left for home which cut our conversation short sometime after midnight. The price of the queen nursery you mention is \$2.50. The sections you speak of can be glassed by using thin points if necessary.

BEE-KEEPING AS A BUSINESS.

G.—Do you consider bee-keeping a safe and profitable business to embark in for a person possessing a few hundred dollars capital and having a fair knowledge of bees, and intending to devote his whole time to the business; his sole object being the production and sale of honey exclusively. Would you consider it a safe investment to purchase thirty (30) colonies in the spring to commence with? Describe the style and dimensions of hive which you would recommend to give the best results in the production of extracted honey, without meddling with the brood combs.

Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 14th, 1885.

From what you say we think you might safely invest in fifty colonies instead of thirty and the profits would be proportionally large on account of your ability to attend to fifty colonies as well as thirty. We know of no business more suitable for any person who has a liking for it, and the profit will compare favourably with those of any other, if properly and judiciously managed. We make two hives for extracted honey—a one story and a two story, as you choose to use them. We prefer the hive we use ourselves. We would adopt any other if we could make more profit by doing so. It is well for a person starting in the business to follow the beaten paths of the more experienced and not try any new-fangled fixtures unless he has had experience.

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