

in the bee line. e, if you will give ospects, and whe sed of at a fairly ssible to buy bees olony. I hold an the B.B.K.A. I f bees here with an outdoor occu- business and am es. I am also a r, joiner and un- ar as grazing goes. numerous questions

mand. The demand for good honey has been keen, but prices on the whole have not advanced much. Many of us are allowing our honey to get into the commission men's hands, and wholesale houses. Are they handling our goods and advertising same to our best interests?

I believe that if we were to unite co-operatively, advertise extensively and open up new markets, we should then be able to realize more uniform and better prices for our honey. The bee-keepers of our province have, on the whole, done little in the way of advertising their goods. Few of us individually have enough honey to bear the expense of extensive advertising, but by uniting, a small fraction of a cent per pound on the production in our province would go a long way towards educating the public as to the value of honey as a food. Many people think honey dear at 12½c. per lb., although they will pay 10c. to 12c. per one pound box for small fruits, which require sugar, jars and labor in canning to keep till wanted. Honey will go farther and will keep indefinitely without undergoing any process. Business men find it pays to advertise their goods; why should not we?

We have seen what the fruit men have accomplished by co-operation with a food product much more difficult to handle than ours on account of frost and non-keeping qualities.

I fully believe we are not alive to the opportunities before us as bee-keepers. With the great Northwest settling so fast, are we letting the new people know where they can get our products? Can we not establish a trade with Great Britain that would be very remunerative to us? We must unite if we are to accomplish anything along this line and send our honey out in large shipment. I trust it may not be long before we get together and co-operate in fact as well as in name.

MAKING INCREASE AND OBTAIN- ING HONEY AT SAME TIME.

The following may be of interest to your correspondent, W. M. Spurr, page 49, February issue. I used plan with success last season. In the first place see that all colonies have abundance of stores, and every second day between fruit bloom and clover, either rncap, about a pound of honey, or feed in the comb the same weight of sugar syrup. When colonies are strong enough, add a second storey with drawn combs or full sheets of foundation, first taking a frame of brood above and replacing with full sheet of foundation or comb. Later when this second storey is well occupied place a third above a queen excluder. When the clover flow has been on a week and the foundation in the third storey has been drawn some, place this top storey on a stand and brush or shake the bees and queen at the entrance. Place a queen excluder over the bottom hive and another one with empty combs or full sheets of foundation on top, and over all the two hives of brood. In about ten days place the old hive body on top. The bees will now have queen cells completed in the two upper stories and all the brood will be capped. About three good colonies can be made out of the oldest brood, and in a week or less a couple more can be started with the brood in the second storey. All of the old field bees will return to the parent stand, but enough young bees will stay and these together with the hatching bees will make a good start for a colony. By this plan as much honey will be secured at the old stand, and if the old queen is a good one, two or three more frames of brood and young bees can be taken about July 20th. I have had colonies give me over 200 pounds surplus and four increase by the above plan.

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England.

he information you le "Aparian Possi- lumbia," which ap- issue. We believe ve suitable to your ad to hear from you

ADDRESS BRANT NVENTION.

vention of the Brant Association held in sident, Mr. J. W. opered the proceed- ng address:

y Bee-keepers' Asso- here at their annual ve met here to dis- est methods relating hich we are engaged. on the whole been a bee-keeper. The de- s been good, and al- ve been maintained. as high in comparison lucts that are used in its have ranged high, his season. roducts are as a rule aw of supply and de-

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