

burning: Some springs the bees gather frequently and are stimulated by natural means to brood rear, others again are catchy, maple will open and in a day or so the weather becomes cold and the bees get no more from this source and so on. It is absurd to say bees should not receive stimulative feeding when such are the conditions. What is the difference whether the bees are stimulated from inside or outside as far as brood rearing by the bees is concerned. Be sure and have no syrup left about, or leaky feeders. Contract the entrances so the bees have room to fly nicely. Put every comb back into the hive in the order in which it was taken from the hive and with the same side to the centre of the hive. When 60° or more and the bees are working, see that each colony has a laying queen. You may not know the queen, but, if the worker cells have brood and the capped cells not projecting and rounded, it is a worker brood. Let the brood chamber get pretty well crowded before you give the bees more room. It is a very dangerous practice for a beginner in bee-keeping to spread brood and during April it should not be done. Do not expose combs for robbing. If you should be so unfortunate as to have foul brood among your bees run no risk with weak colonies, destroy them rather than run the risk of having your other colonies or your neighbors infected through these being robbed out. Everything is to be gained, nothing can be lost by reporting the disease to the President of the Ontario Beekeepers Association: J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville, Ont. It will cost you nothing the Province pays the expense.

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EXTRACTED HONEY FOR BEGINNERS?

Comments By B——ville.

Now friend H. what are you teaching? You, who for so long a time have insisted that we produce a better quality of honey, now advise a novice to start right out to produce extracted honey. Do you not know that a novice is almost sure to produce a poor specimen of the extracted article, that he is apt to be over zealous and take off his honey before it is ripe? That is the way it strikes me.

Judging from my own experience I know that I produced some poor extracted honey, in fact I scarcely knew good honey. You know friend H. it takes some experience to know good extracted honey.

Again, our novice, starting with but two or three colonies may not wish to go to the expense of buying an extractor, knife, cans etc. As you rightly observe, the tyro at bee-keeping very frequently remains but a brief period in the business. This, then is all the more reason, I think, for not advising too great an expenditure in commencing.

Let our novice then take comb to begin with. It will necessitate less expenditure, and, as he will allow it to get capped before he takes it off, the honey itself will be so good as an expert can obtain. Although it may not be in quite so good shape it will be sold in his home market and will not hurt the sale of honey as an inferior quality of extracted will.

You state that the fact, that the bees are more likely to swarm, puts comb honey production out of the reach of the novice. What kind of novice is this you have in mind? Why the sound of a swarm in the air is music in the ear of a novice, increase of colonies is the very thing he desires.