

that the nectar could be shook out of the flower by giving it a sudden shake. It was astonishing to see how rapidly they could gather honey when it was there in such quantities. People talk of various races of bees being superior honey gatherers, but at that time, it appeared as if one variety of bee gathered as much as another. It is necessary for us to have sufficient warm rain and sunshine to produce a crop and instead of the warm weather and rains in early spring then cold in midsummer, as we have had it frequently for years back, unsuitable weather for honey secretion, the season was so shortened up by the late cold backward spring, that the weather, after the cold spell was over, became warm with warm rains, the atmosphere moist, sun not too hot, just the kind of weather suited to the secretion of large quantities of nectar in the flowers, this weather continued until fall.

So far this season, the weather has been very similar, the clover never was in better condition for a good honey crop, the warm rains last fall freshened it and left it in fine shape for winter, the mild winter does not seem to have injured any of it. We would now suggest, that beekeepers put forth every effort to get their colonies strong as early as possible, and although I have no interest in the supply business, directly or indirectly, I would suggest that due preparations be made.

It is a great mistake to leave off the ordering of supplies until the last moment, at the same time we do not advocate rushing unnecessarily into debt, but you should be prepared for the big flow when it comes, and all the work in connection with the apiary should be completed beforehand. If you are delayed a few days now and a few days again in your work, it does not only mean the loss of the honey that might be gathered in during that time, but it frequently means almost the entire loss of the honey crop by giving bees the swarming fever disorganizing the natural course that would be had we attended to ever, thing at the proper time.

It is a good thing for the manager of an Apiary to look well ahead of him, to see that all his goods ordered have arrived, that all the sections are folded, foundation in them, the cases filled ready to set on the moment the right time arrives and everything about his Bee House neat and clean, so that any person visit-

ing his apiary may be favorably impressed with the tidy neat appearance of everything about it, and not disgusted with the slovenly way in which things are managed. There are so many things to be taken into consideration, that those who have a large stock of bees to attend to, have little time to think of other matters, and should devote every moment possible to their bees and let the year '92 be marked as one of the successful years of apiculture. Those contemplating the production of honey for exhibition purposes should lay their plans to do so and should carry out those plans as far as lies in their power. We hope to see an excellent exhibit of Canadian and American honey at the World's Fair, Chicago, there is no reason why beekeepers cannot make the honey department of the Chicago Fair one of the most attractive features of the whole Exhibition, we know there is intelligence, push and perseverance enough in beekeepers of America to show the World what they can do in their special line. We would ask the various beekeepers to make suggestions and let us hear who can offer the best and most successful way of exhibiting, introducing or marketing; anything in the way of suggestions that will be beneficial to the beekeepers and exhibiting committee will be very acceptable. We do not expect to see everyone exhibit a $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ section containing just 16 ounces but let us see how varied this great exhibition can be. what new features will be added, who will assist us in adding all these new features. We anticipate comb honey shown there filled and capped over, that the face as you stand and gaze on it presents a beautiful "Eagle" "George Washington", "Queen Victoria", "The Beaver", "The Maple Leaf", etc. etc. Some may exhibit comb honey there in sections, beautifully capped, not a half-inch in thickness, others may exhibit it perhaps two inches thick. We believe one party intends to try and have a representation of "Our Saviour on the Cross", we hope he may succeed. Any person having any new ideas, let him ventilate them through the Journal, that all may alike profit by them, and what you lose directly you will gain indirectly by that course. We shall be pleased to give everyone credit for their ideas upon any matters pertaining to apiculture.