

## Moving Bees for Fall Pasture.

I HAVE had some experience in moving bees for fall pasturage and I have got enough to pay me for my trouble. There was an abundance of flowers, but not of nectar, as nights were too cold for secretion, some of them were dull & honey when they were taken into new fields and they have gathered sufficient to carry them through winter. The way the queens have filled the comb with eggs is surprising, whether it is the effect of the moving or because of the honey coming in, which caused the queens to lay so abundantly I do not know. Some of the queens were not satisfied with filling the lower stories but went up into the supers. I shall have lots of young bees which are necessary for safe wintering.

I think my outside yard (ninety-three colonies) is in good condition for the winter. My intention is to leave them right where they are, packed in clamps—they are in chaff hives—they will thus be ready for next season's big yield of honey—if it comes.

## PREPARATION OF BEES FOR MOVING.

I observe what you say with reference to the bees being cross when moving them. I think perhaps I would feel cross too if I had to move around as lively as you did on that occasion. You also say that it is necessary to have wire screens over the hives. I am of the opinion that there are other plans, which are just as good and probably cheaper—and cheapness as well as convenience is to be considered—I tacked strips across the floor in the lower story and put on a super with three or four combs fastened in it, I then tacked five-cent cotton over the top of the super and put wire over the entrance, which gave the bees sufficient air and did not necessitate my making extra supers or screens and did away with cost of wire. When I take the first lot down I put them in the wagon and set them in their places and put the cover on them, I then got my smoker, puffed some smoke in at the entrance and pulled off the wire. The day was very warm and the bees went to work carrying pollen in, in less than an hour after they had been liberated. My bees were very strong but I found that the three or four combs in the upper story gave them lots of room to cluster, and by leaving the frames in the super you know that they are there ready to be filled with honey if there is any extra flow. You will remember, I said that I intended moving them to the Indian reserve, which is some nine miles from my home yard in the summer time. There should be an abundance of clover and lucifer, also considerable Canada thistle, and if there is any honey in these next year I ought to get it as

there is no officious individual around here to trim the tops off the Canada thistles just when they are of some use.

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## Selling Honey through the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association.

AN Irish Bee-keepers' Association has just arranged for an experiment in the line of the disposal of the honey of its members. The thought crossed our mind, why wouldn't this be a good thing for the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association to take up? Would it have the result of keeping the price of honey at a point where a fair profit could be returned to the producer by preventing the slaughter of the crop which is usual every fall, amongst small beekeepers? We do not know that it would, but the thought may be worth discussing. Our views in this direction were strengthened when we received, a day or two ago, a letter from a customer who desired to know whether the Bee-keepers' Association had, or would have, an agent or place where members could send their honey, and have it sold. "Would it not recommend itself to beekeepers, and induce more to become members?" says our correspondent. Why not look into the matter a little, and see what there is in it? We submit the conditions upon which the Ulster Bee-keepers' Association is accepting the honey of its members.

The honey will be received by Messrs. A. Dickson & Sons, at the depot, under the following conditions, as regards both the Association and themselves:—

1. The honey must be delivered at 55 Royal Avenue carriage paid; it must also be clean and neatly put up. It will be received at the following times only, viz.:—Between 1st June and 15th July, between 1st and 10th of September, between 1st and 10th of December, and between 1st and 10th of March. Parcels received at any other times will be returned to the sender at his expense and risk.
2. When sending honey, the sender must mark it distinctly with his name and address, and at the same time inform the Hon. Sec. of the despatch of the parcel, so that it may be valued and taken into stock immediately on its arrival. The honey will be carefully stored and insured against fire, but must remain at the owner's risk. If any damage should occur, the loss shall be borne by the owners of that class of honey *pro rata*.

3. A sub-committee of one or more mem