

The market was never cleaned up better of old stock than at present. The past two poor seasons have cleared the market out entirely, and the short supply last year improved the price from former years somewhat, and there is no reason now that the price should be lowered. If honey is put into market early, it seems there is no need of falling from the mark the past poor seasons have made for a good article. At any rate honey producers should not be in a hurry about making concessions to an empty market until the returns are all in and we know what the crop is.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

A HEAVY FLOW OF NECTAR.

W. McEvoy.—We never had as good a season here for honey. My bees never gathered honey so fast from the basswoods before. We cannot keep up to them, they are bringing it in so very fast. The season is a grand one, all that I expected, and more. I am very much pleased to read the reports from so many good beekeepers in this Canada of ours, and I think that the C. B. J. is worth the subscription for that alone.

Woodburn, July 18th, 1889.

VENTILATION OF HIVES IN SUMMER.

DANIEL GORRIE.—Can you give me any information in reference to ventilation of hives in summer. It seems to me bees must get too warm at times during hot weather. I have no opening except where the bees enter, and thus there is no draught. Is a current of air necessary?

Haliburton, July 19th.

Raise the hive lid at the back during middle of the day in the hot weather, and during the honey flow. Always do it when you see bees hanging outside.

THE POOREST SEASON HE HAS HAD.—BEES NOT WORKING ON CLOVER OR BASSWOOD.

A. BLAIS.—The spring opened out very nice and warm but lasted but a few days. About the time of fruit blossom the weather got so cold and wet that the bees could not go out at all, and it was very unfavorable until the 15th of June. Then clover, white and alsike, came in full bloom and strange to say that the bees didn't work on it at all—cannot account for it. About the 8th of July basswood came in, the bees worked well on it for four days. Then we had a disastrous storm on the 13th and since that the bees don't seem to look at the basswood at all, so you see that this season will be the poorest I ever had. I have not a pound of surplus honey yet, nor expect to have any this year unless the fall flowers are extremely good. From 60 colonies I increased to 100, and they are swarming yet, can not keep them from it.

Glen Sandfield, July 16, '89.

J. M. SAVAGE.—I enclose you one dollar, my mite towards helping your new venture, a weekly Poultry Journal. Hope you will have success with same.

Rat Portage.

A. DUMOUCHEL.—I was kept from giving you an order for Jones hive by finding in my garret a lot of old hives a foot square inside, called here Paliquet Canadian square bushel hive, patented in Ottawa 31st January 1866. I adapted to it Jones hive fixtures, except that I reduced the top bar of frame to $\frac{3}{4}$ —sawing the middle to two inches from end. It is now pleasant and easy to introduce your fine foundation. On top I put an addition same as below seven inches deep, being a half hive. When empty, over the hive, it is very handy to throw in the swarm, covering with Jones cover. The frame full will make a good feeder for below. The addition of a small wedge helps to keep the frames steady. It is not "the coming hive" but will give satisfaction to A B C scholars, being easy to make and to manage. Bees now are doing well, averaging $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. each on scale a day.

S Benoit, Que., July 15.

HOW CAN A MAN WITH POOR SIGHT FIND A QUEEN?

WM. JACKSON.—This has been a great season for increase of stock. I started with 22 hives in the spring and have increased to 58 and still they come and good swarms at that, some small swarms. I put two in one hive queens and all most all of them stayed and are working very well. The reason I put them in queens and all is I cannot see very well, so I stuck them in and let them take chances. Is there any way that a man who cannot see very well can find a queen either in a swarm or in the old hive? I have no other means but find her myself if I want to, and I have very little time only in the evenings after six o'clock. So by answering the above you will confer a favor on your humble servant.

Peterborough, Ont., July 15.

A REPORT FROM WISCONSIN

JOSHUA BULL.—Notwithstanding all the vicissitudes of this peculiar season, my bees gathered a fair crop of white clover honey. Basswood has been in bloom to some extent since the 13th inst., but does not seem to yield much nectar. It rained a little last night and to-day the sun is shining brightly with the thermometer up to 90° in the shade, and yet the bees appear as indifferent as though they never thought of gathering honey. Many of them are clustered on the outside of the hives on account of the extreme heat. Some of the basswood trees have a great profusion of buds, and we are still hoping that some cog in nature's wheel will so turn as to let loose the flow of nectar before the best of the bloom is past in order that we may get some portion of that most delicious of all sweets, linden honey. The months of June and July thus far have not been extremely wet nor very dry, but we have had just about the requisite amount of rain to keep vegetation in a thriving condition.

Seymour, Wis.