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their booty to Mr. Geo. W. Tebbs at the Irish Boys' Home at Hespeler. This they were enabled to do without getting "stung." Mr. Tebbs was much elated at having so unusual and novel a task. The first thing to do was to prepare another hive as a receptacle for the occupants of this strange home. The hollow trunk was about two feet in diameter. It meant something to devise a plan to get best results, but Mr. Tebbs was equal to it. After sawing to a convenient length, the idea was to split the log at each side sufficiently to lift it off like a lid of a real "trunk." This done, the sweetness was soon revealed, reminding one of that riddle devised by Samson of old in Holy Writ. Snugly nestling in the depths of winter in their safest of abodes in the forest, for "when the wind blows the cradle will rock," were those myriads of bees; now awakened gently from their long slumbers, while on either side was pound upon pound of fresh honey, with but a few combs empty, upon which these wise little beings of God's marvelous creation subsisted through the long winter months. No less than forty pounds of honey were thus extracted, while two buckets of comb additional was also removed. It is conjectured by Mr. Tebbs that the hive must have swarmed some two or three years ago and chanced to come across this opportune dwelling place in their wild flight. Mr. Tebbs can tell many interesting features of a swarming hive of bees, which, in spite of the Lord's Day Alliance, sometimes occurs on Sunday, and must then and there be attended to, but this is the first time he has had the pleasure of so rich a treat in bee-hiving, and the Robertson brothers are to be thanked for it.

Mr. Tebbs also writes us as follows: "Lots of bees in this neighborhood have died this past winter from dysentery. There is a cider mill one mile away from us, and the refuse is allowed to lie outside all the year round. I am of the opinion that this is the cause of the trouble. Am I right.

[You may be. It would be a good idea to have some of the honey that came through the winter analyzed. This refuse may be a great menace to your bees. A careful investigation should be made, and Mr. Chalmers, the inspector, should carefully look into the matter and make a report to the Government. To the bee-keeper this mill might practically become an intolerable nuisance. Under our law

no man is permitted to maintain a nuisance to the injury of his neighbor or his property. It would be necessary, of course, to show cause and effect; more especially is this the case when it is known that many bees suffer from dysentery in good localities, the cause of which is very often obscure. The trouble should be thoroughly investigated.—Ed.]

(Engravings will appear next month)

ADVICE TO THE HONEY CROP COMMITTEE

We are again on the eve of another honey harvest, and in a few short weeks our attention will be turned toward the marketing of our season's crop. While I would not for a moment presume to dictate to the Committee which advises us at about what price our honey is worth, a few thoughts have come to my mind on the subject.

As in all other articles, the supply and demand must regulate the price of honey. But I think their influence is sometimes overworked. I believe it would take as much honey as the present bee-keepers of Canada could produce to supply the present demand if our crops were directed into the right channels. If that is the case, is it wise to lower the price of honey one iota until that demand is supplied? From my personal experience, the present demand is getting harder to supply every season. One can of extra good honey is almost sure to sell another can, and I cannot see the advisability of lowering the price if a good season makes it just a little easier to satisfy all our customers without turning away a prospective purchaser, as we have had to do in former poor years.

Of course, I realize that there is a possible limit, but if all who read this article have worked up their own territory as I have done, they have not yet found that

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