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OUR OWN APIARY.

COLD WEATHER.

WE have moved about 250 colonies of bees and have made 3 more farms. The weather has been very unfavorable for the secretion of honey, too cold, in fact, for the bees to fly or gather much stores, and on account of this cold disagreeable weather we have not had an opportunity of testing our new location. The jarring in transit, or the nailing up of the hives seems to have incited the bees to destroy several queens. When we arrived at our new quarters the hives were lifted out of the waggons, placed in position and allowed to remain there for three days. At the end of that time they were examined by lifting out the centre combs; if eggs were found we knew they were not queenless, but when we found no eggs a more careful examination was made to ascertain whether the hive was queenless or not, where they were missing. New queens were introduced. Thus far no more honey than they have consumed has been gathered. If the weather continues cool we will not be able to test the location for it matters not how good the location is if unfavorable weather prevents the secretion of honey. The bees have tried to work a little on the buckwheat here the last few days, but they have not done much. With a few weeks of fine weather, after the copious rains we have had, where there is an abundance of Fall flowers, quite a rich harvest might be reaped during the first weeks of September.

The evening of the 27th seemed to be one of the coldest of the season, in fact we all prophesied frost and decided that our fine fields of buckwheat and many

of the fall flowers would be cut down, but at 11 o'clock the sky became cloudy and the weather moderated a little, the thermometer indicating a warmer temperature at 12 o'clock. This morning (28th) we were agreeably surprised to find that the change of temperature had prevented the anticipated frost. The weather has taken a change and the prospects are more favorable for a honey flow.

OUR NEW FEEDER.

Some of our colonies had considerable honey a few days ago, but now the honey is quite scarce and a few require to be fed. We do not expect to do any winter feeding until the frost kills the fall bloom. We have not tried to do it as we are so busy preparing for our Fall exhibition. Speaking of feeding reminds us of what the boys are doing to-day in the factory. They are cutting out feeders which we will attempt to describe in a future issue and we will also have them at the Toronto Exhibition. There have been so many feeders invented and manufactured that some might think perfection had been reached, but we believe that the one we are now making is so superior to anything that has been heretofore produced that it will become a favorite, unless perchance some lucky person invent a better. We are willing that the thousands who see them at the Toronto Exhibition shall examine and judge of their merits. We hope that as many of our bee friends as possibly can will be at the Toronto Exhibition, as much good results from an interchange of the season's experience.

PRICE LISTS RECEIVED.

Jas. H. Davis, Danville, Ky. The Davis Palace bee hive. The only objection we have to this is that it is a kind of "family right" hive, and therefore patented. We do not like patents on bee hives.

J. Vandervoort, Laceyville, Pa. Foundation Mills. We received a sample of the foundation which is very nice.