

and the *Leptosperium*, in the last two years has taken to penetrating into hives, finding it more convenient to devour the ready-made honey of the bee. In the evening they commit their ravages. A bee-keeper reports killing nine quarts (?) in three nights by placing among the hives vessels of sugared water in which they drowned themselves.

In some parts of France the "*Cetonia cardui*" (one of the rose-beetles) tries to penetrate into hives, but its great size renders it less dangerous than *Phyllotocus*.—L'Apiculteur.

Honey and Wax Imports in Germany.

In the Journal of the Board of Agriculture for June there are the following items of information interesting to bee-keepers:—"48,000,000 lb. of honey were imported into Hamburg in 1899—more than half came from Chili and Peru. The trade was considered favourable to importers, although the partial failure of honey crop in North America and in Mexico caused a slow, but steady rise in prices until towards close of year, when reports of better prospects for the coming season resulted in a corresponding fall.

"Complaint is made of continually increasing competition of artificial honey. Measures are being taken by honey producers in Germany to obtain prohibition of imitations.

"Business in wax continues to develop in Hamburg, which is rapidly becoming the leading market. Beeswax is imported thence principally from the West Indies, South America, Morocco, and Madagascar. The Hamburg market closed firm owing to unfavorable reports from Brazil, Transactions in Japanese wax were limited and trade depressed owing to unsatisfactory quality of year's supplies.—British Bee Journal.

Honey for the Queensland Troops.

The bee-keepers of Queensland, Australia, have sent a consignment of honey to their troops in South Africa. The idea originated with Mr. H. L. Jones of Goodna, who headed the list of donations with 50 pounds. The honey was put up in 2-pound tins, labeled with the name of the person who contributed it.

Bees crossed once with the Caucasian species are said to work the red clover to great advantage, and distinguish themselves from others in this way.—Deutsche Bienenzucht.



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