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NOTES AND COMMENTS

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The Raspberry as a Honey Plant.

We hear a great deal these days about wonderful results being obtained from the raspberry in Northern Michigan. Mr. S. D. Chapman and other bee-keepers of that region claim that it is a greater yielder than basswood. Chapman has been keeping bees here since 1881, and since that time he had only one failure; in 1903, from colonies, he took 13,000 pounds of extracted honey, and his average for 26 years has been about 100 pounds per colony.

Practically all of this honey has come from raspberry. I have wondered why I have not heard more of this plant in the northern counties of Ontario. As far as I can find out, there are thousands of acres of land similar to Northern Michigan in the Parry Sound, Stouffville, Nipissing and Algoma districts, having raspberries in abundance. These sections are practically in the same latitude as Northern Michigan; the climatic conditions are much the same, but I do not recollect of ever seeing anything from bee-keepers in these sections relative to the raspberry being a source of surplus. True, the rasp-

berry yields honey here in York County—last year I think we had about 1,600 pounds principally from this source—but the acreage is so small, even if it did always yield there would not be enough to depend upon.

It would be interesting to hear from bee-keepers located in the places mentioned, and I hope some will satisfy the curiosity of the writer and many others through the medium of the C. B. J.

Spraying of Potatoes Sometimes Injurious to Bees.

A correspondent in the "British Bee Journal" asks if it is not possible that bees might sometimes be poisoned by potato vines being sprayed with paris green. I have had unmistakable evidence of the possibility of such an occurrence. The potato patch was near the yard, and the spraying was done during a dry spell of weather. In the early morning the bees sipped the dew off the potato vines, and many bees were poisoned. Of course, this is something not likely to occur very often; still, it is well to guard against possibilities.

The Divisible Brood Chamber Hive.

It may seem strange that the writer, who uses as large a hive and deep a frame as any one probably on the continent, should plead guilty to having a hankering towards giving the divisible brood chamber hive a trial.

However, it is not to be wondered at