

strawberries in March. If my Hybrid Mt. Lebanon Carniolan queen bees breed as fast as last winter their colonies should be ready to swarm by March 1st. They all had the drones flying by the end of February, when no other colonies had commenced drone brood. We had a very poor honey season last year, but the worst is that there is hardly any sale for honey in Oregon.

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 20th, 1887.

THE PETTIT HONEY BOARD.

CLARK HALL.—I have not been a subscriber to your JOURNAL long, having received only four or five numbers, but from those few I have learned so much about bees and how to manage them that I cannot do without it.

Two years ago this winter I put 60 nice colonies in the cellar and in the spring they were all dead but two, however, I was not discouraged, I bought 8 or 10 more and to-day have 37 in my cellar, quiet and apparently wintering splendidly. Will Mr. S. T. Pettit explain his honey board in C.B.J.?

Cowansville, Que., Jan 29th, 1887.

Mr. Pettit explained his honey-board very nicely at the Ontario Bee-keepers' Convention, but not being a "short-hander" we did not get it all down. At any rate we felt, that when asked, Mr. P. would gladly put it into shape for the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. We would be glad to have him do so now.

A MISTAKEN IDEA.

I was surprised to read in the C.B.J. (Feb. 16th, page 930, second column) a statement made by Mr. J. McArthur that bees gather honey from soft maple bloom first in the spring. In my neighborhood bees gather honey from the swamp Willow first, and I have had them to bring in honey and pollen as early as the second day of April. I have been in the swamps in the fore part of April and have seen bees gathering honey from the same when the snow had not all melted away. The very first bloom that we have is swamp Willow and the Canadian Wild Palm, then comes the soft Maple bloom about the latter part of April, then from about May 9th to 20th the Yellow Willow opens out its blossoms. I presume this is the Willow that Mr. McArthur is mistaken about. Then comes fruit bloom, dandelion, etc.

I would not care to have my bees housed up until towards the last of April before I allowed them to go to work. In the spring of 1886 my bees commenced to swarm on the 19th of May.

I am able to prove my statements with regard to bees gathering honey from Swamp Willow

first, to any person doubting, if they will come to me some fine day the first or second week in April I can take them to the swamps and show it to them. Seeing is believing.

R. T. Wood.

Thistle town, Feb. 21st, 1887.

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We have a large number of our new honey label circulars ready to mail and shall be glad to do so on application of any one wishing the same. We shall not send out any of these circulars, except on application.

MCINTOSH VS. HARRISON.

On the 21st, this case came up for hearing in the Divisional Court. The defendant moved to dismiss the action or for a new trial. We find that the motion was dismissed with costs. In other words, the original decision was sustained, granting the injunction applied for, whereby the defendant is to remove his bees. The costs thus far, on both sides, amount to about \$1,000, which the defendant will have to pay. If the bee-keepers of Canada wish to carry the matter still farther, their next step will be the Supreme Court and the further costs to go through this court will be about \$1200.

In our new price list we have made many changes, and, in the majority of instances, the prices have been reduced. We have been delayed somewhat in getting out our price list, owing to the pressure of other work in our printing department. Right here let us say, that we always give outside customers the preference and push their work ahead of our own. As soon as our price list is complete and ready for mailing, we will give in condensed form the material changes over our catalogue of 1886. Up to present time, we have not been in the habit of keeping our price list standing in type, but shall, in the future, issue revised lists more frequently than we have heretofore been able.

JOIN THE O.B.K. ASSOCIATION.

The Sec. Treas., of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association is, at the present moment, sending out large quantities of circulars to bee-keepers throughout Canada, inviting them to become members of the association. We would most strongly urge all those who have not already done so, to send in their names along with the mem-