

when it begins to get dry I use a small oiler, which has some thin honey in it, to moisten the candy. The muzzle of the oiler is small enough to insert it through the meshes of the wire cloth of the cage. Formerly I hung my frame and cage nursery in a queenless hive.

BY THE EDITOR.—Yes, we use dozens of them, holding twenty queens each. We remove cells to nursery just before they hatch. They may be kept in ten days, if nursery usually keeps them in from three to five. It makes no difference, place it in any hive, queenless or not. Prefer several young bees in with each cell, they will not disturb them, but allow queens to hatch. Use the food ordinarily put in cages for shipping queens.

BEES ON SHARES.

QUERY No. 100.—Have out apiary on farms, can board with farmer and hire his house at farm prices. They will swarm bees or give any help. Have storage room and use of tools and workshop. I pay cash for board and house hire. What proportion of my honey crop should I give them for rent of location, storage, and conveniences? Shall work according to latest methods and hope to have no natural swarm or to receive any help from them. Shall work for both comb and extracted, mostly the former. Section and full sheets of foundation to be considered and that I feed early to build up. Shall keep down increase if possible. Also suppose I work for both honey and increase. Then again suppose I work for increase only, take no honey, supply every thing ready to use and let them manage it? What would be the fair thing in each case?

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Mr. Jones has the floor.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—I should think about one-fifth in both cases.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—I have no experience in working on shares so I don't know.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Ask something easier. Should rent the whole for a stated price.

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKENNY, TEXAS.—Having no observation in these matters, I cannot undertake to answer.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—Have had no experience, but should think the best way would be to pay fair cash prices. Please tell us how you raise comb honey and have no natural swarm.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—In all cases mentioned I think the most satisfactory plan would be to pay cash for the help and accommodation required and let the bee-keeper run his bees to please himself and dispose of his products the best way he can.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—Conundrums of this kind are hard to answer. The only way to know to a certainty is to give the matter a test; still the results of different seasons would vary so, that nothing positive can be ascertained. Each season must be a guide for itself. "The real proof of the pudding is in eating it."

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—For mere location and conveniences I should think about ten per cent. would be a fair rent. In the last place, were you to work for *increase only*—and "let them manage it" it would be a curious way to do—trust the most difficult apiary work to farmers who generally know nothing about apiary work. But may be I don't comprehend the question. Certainly I could not answer it as I understand it.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—Estimate what the accommodation and assistance you require are worth in money, then give the party you rent from an equivalent amount at current prices, of your crop either honey or bees, or both. I do not think any satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at, in terms of your question, as the estimate based on the product of a good season would not answer in the case of a poor one or failure.

BY THE EDITOR.—You should give from five to ten dollars a year rent, besides paying board. If you have a large apiary, say one or two hundred colonies, should keep them in their cellar during winter, you should pay twenty-five dollars besides your board. The fairest way would be to pay him so much money and give him all the honey he wants at wholesale prices. You might have accommodation enough to make it worth fifty dollars a year, but we have never paid more than twenty-five dollars and have had some of the finest localities in Canada.