

world, scattered over Florida, and we cordially invite others to come and help develop our state gain the benefit of our climate. Lands are cheap though rapidly advancing in price. There is no better place for investment than Florida lands, as much of it in sections now rapidly settling up can be had from four to eight dollars an acre. The influx of population from the States, Canada, England, etc., is increasing largely every year. There is a saying with great truth that the land is worth \$500 an acre for climate alone, but beyond this there is no place where the profits per acre are greater than from Florida orange groves. Shipment of early vegetables north is rapidly increasing. I shall willingly give assistance to any desiring to come to our state.

JAS. W. SHEARER.

De Land, Florida, April 15th.

We are much pleased friend S. with your description of Florida and if it cures all the diseases we imagine it can it will no doubt become the future hospital of America. It is a delightful country and it seems that you are just in the locality to produce early bees and queens for our northern friends. We were aware that there was fine honey produced in Florida as some of our friends have sent us samples which were very fine. You have made this so interesting that it will doubtless create an interest in the Florida migration. We shall be glad to hear from you again that our northern friends may be kept informed so that they may avail themselves of your very kind offer of assistance when circumstances permit.

ANDREW MITCHELL, WROXETER, ONT.—I recently purchased the stock of bees belonging to Mr. Marks, of Wroxeter. When delivering them he handed me a number of your CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. I like the appearance of your paper, and am pleased to see that such a work has been started in Canada. Therefore I cheerfully become a subscriber.

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T. S. SANFORD, BRADFORD MAY 21st, 1885.—I wintered my bees on their summer stands, without any loss, in chaff hives. All came out in very nice condition.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear each week, Queries and Replies; the former may be propounded by any subscriber, and will be replied to by prominent bee-keepers, throughout Canada and the United States who can answer from experience, as well as by the Editor. This Department will be reserved for the more important questions, others will be answered in another place. We hope to make this one of the most interesting departments of the JOURNAL.

DO BEES TAKE ANYTHING BUT LIQUID FOOD?

QUERY NO. 24, COBOURG, ONT.—Do bees take anything but liquid food?

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—Yes.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—Yes, pollen.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—They do—they eat pollen.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—They eat pollen, or its substitute.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—As a rule they don't. I do not think they are capable of apprehension by the tongue of solids.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—I don't know whether bees ever take anything but liquid food for their own sustenance or not.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—I think not, only as pollen is used by the perfect bee in the preparation of chyme to feed the larval bees.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Pollen is not liquid, and bees surely eat pollen as their tissues have nitrogen in them, and the pollen is the only possible source of this element.

BY THE EDITOR.—Yes, pollen, of course.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

RENDERING OLD COMBS INTO WAX.

N. H. PIERS, HALIFAX, N. S.—Please give directions to convert old black combs into saleable beeswax, and oblige?

The best way to convert old combs into bees-wax is to get a good wax extractor, which saves more than the price of itself in a very short time; but those who do not wish to invest in a wax extractor may make good wax by putting water in a wash-boiler, setting it on the stove, placing sticks across the inside of boiler, allowing the ends to rest on the projection of the copper bottom; then the combs may be placed in a very thin