

flowers, and most are honey bearing, Clovers and Lucerne, have not yet become general amongst our farming people, but a few have grown it profitably, our principle honey-crop is from Gum trees, Jarrah, Black Butt, Karrie and other forest trees.

So much honey was placed on the market in the early days in a crude and unripe state, that it was difficult at first to find a market for extracted, but with the advances made, there is now not any doubt, that we have in Western Australia, honey equal to that of any other country, and tons of this going to waste during some seasons.

I have in hand, my own checkered experience, which reads almost like a romance, when completed perhaps it may be printed, who knows, perhaps you may have a copy sent for your journal. I enjoy your journal very much, tho' only so far as bee-keeping is concerned.

Novice.

We are pleased to hear from our Australian cousin and can assure him of our interest and a hearty welcome to our space. Our readers will bear in mind that the Australian season is just the reserve of ours.—Ed.

The Simcoe Co. Bee-Keepers Association will hold a spring meeting on Saturday, April 30th, next in Barrie.

Mr. Fixter of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, will be in attendance and give an address on—"Management of the apiary and the growing of clover".

A full attendance of members is desired.

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Sec'y.

During the past winter season, which with us has been very late, honey was stored and supers full and capped, by the end of August, but the season being late, and having wet, and stormy weather right to early in November, this surplus was consumed, and in some cases strong colonies were on the point of starvation, when we had the opportunity of examining them, since then not any nectar has been available, necessitating feeding liberally, which to us is quite a new and strange experience.

At the moment, bees are holding their own, but hot weather prevails, and bush fires, all around, consuming the little nectar available, points to our having a very poor honey season, and this prevails right through the State of Western Australia.

During the year 1900, the first convention of Bee-keepers was held in the city of Perth, when only a limited number, three or four, were depending entirely on their apiaries for a livelihood, and the number of colonies were about 1000 all told, since when the industry has advanced by leaps and bounds.

The general average per hive for extracted is about 120 lbs for the season, commencing September and ending in May. Last season my helper extracted well into June, ending with an average of 245 lbs per hive, this was a record as the season was, with an exception, commenced with 120 colonies, and finished in June with 165, but at the moment these are again reduced to near 100 colonies.

Hives principally the Dovetailed 10 frame, a few adopt the Heddon, others home-made, but the Langstrath frame mostly in general use.

Nothing is as yet being planted for honey, depending on the natural flora, which in general is in abundance, every shrub and weed carry