

since been endorsed by a number of practical apiarists, who pronounce it an unqualified success.

#### The Question of Overstocking:

Feel to beg pardon of the readers of the C. B. J. for again mentioning this rather threadbare question, but, as Mr. Stachelhausen, in an article in the "Review," "hits the nail" so squarely on the head, cannot refrain from making a short extract therefrom: "My experience is that, in many localities, during the main honey flow, where a single variety of honey plant is present in large quantities, and all of these plants are covered with unnumbered blossoms, 1,000 colonies may probably give the same average crop as 100. During this flow, especially if the flow is a good one, such a locality can hardly be overstocked. The difficulty arises during the light honey flows in spring and fall. In the spring a few colonies may gather enough honey for stimulating the bees to brood-rearing—possibly a little more—but a larger number of colonies may not find enough honey for such stimulation." If the foregoing remarks are applicable to Texas, much more are they to Ontario, with our short seasons. During a good flow from alsike our locality would be hard to overstock, but, as Mr. L. remarks, during spring and fall a large number of bees in one place in this country would not get enough to live on.

#### Size of Hive.

Truly "Novice" (C. B. J., page 118) is to be pitied; owing to the fact of him being in such a dilemma as to what size of hive to use. After attending such an important function as a convention of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, too bad that he should be undecided about anything. "Why was there no better defence of the big hives?" Why, bless your heart, don't you know that if "you convince a man against his will, he's of the same opin-

ion still"? The most of us big-hive fellows have simply given up the other chaps as incorrigible and well-nigh inconvertible, and then again, you know, "size of hive" is a question (or should be) lacking in dignity as a subject for discussion for such an august body as our Association.

#### "As Others See Us."

Mr. Editor, please don't let us look into other people's "looking glasses" unless you are prepared to show us something more flattering than that "opinion" by "Farming World." Why, it makes us feel like "going 'way back and sitting down." Joking aside, wonder if about three-fourths of members of O.B.K.A. will not unreservedly sanction the rather caustic criticisms of our "Farming World" friend? Have no remedy to propose, but it certainly will do us no harm to think over the matter between now and next convention. By so doing possibly so much "scum" would not have to be "skimmed" off in order to get down to the root of different subjects we may have to handle.

#### Winter Up to Date.

Steady, moderately cold weather has been our lot here in York county ever since November 1st. No flights for the bees, but think they (the bees) are wintering O.K. Only one week had anything nearly approached severe weather of last winter. The week in question was very cold; in fact, many seemed to think that one day at least, namely January 25th, was the very worst day we have had for 32 years.

York County, Ontario.

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Honey ointment for sores. Honey and flour mixed to the extent of half the quantity of honey with water is stirred into a stiff mass. Linseed oil and yolk of egg to be added in order to give the same a tenacious tendency. —Deutsche Bienenzucht (Germany).