

put on and honey taken off. While a number in the smaller hives will have to be fed their winter stores, those in the big hives have each from 50 to 75 lbs. of honey in the brood chamber. I forgot to say that although there are a number of fine Carniolan and Italian queens in that yard, yet the colony that gave me the most surplus was only ordinary vicious blacks, so will some of the brethren please rise up and tell us wherein lies their points of excellence, long tongues or what? Speaking of hives and honey yields reminds one of the latest prodigy in bee-keeping, brought before the public by "Gleanings," namely, Mr. J. Gandy, of Humboldt, Neb. This gentleman started bee-keeping some few years ago in debt \$25,000.00, now he is nearly, if not quite, a millionaire. Last year his average at his home yard was 407 lbs. per colony. The secret of his success he sums up something like this: "Large hives and catnip and sweet clover." He says it would pay any bee-keeper to buy land at \$100 per acre and sow it to those two plants.

Catnip has one redeeming feature—they say it is good to soothe cross babies, but as for sweet clover, why, 400 lbs. to the colony wouldn't tempt me to sow the stuff in this section as I would be very apt to be drummed out of the county. Seriously though; while I have my doubts as to the advisability of utilizing expensive arable land for bees' pasture alone, yet I feel sure that in the more northern counties of Ontario there are hundreds of acres of cheap rough land that would pay the bee-keeper handsomely with proper management. Friend Hutchinson did not relish the "doubting Thomas" spirit that seemed to prevail at the Woodstock meeting last December when his paper, "How one man managed 500 colonies

for comb honey" was read; and so expressed himself in a recent issue of the "Review." Mr. Gill, of Colorado, an extensive producer, says it is no "dream" for a man to manage that many colonies, as he is this season running 712 colonies for comb honey. Perhaps it might be well, as Ed. Hutchinson says, that "some of our bee-keepers had better wake up instead of doubting the achievements of those who are wide awake."

Prizes at the Fairs.

The following are the prize lists for honey and apiary supplies at Toronto, London and Ottawa Exhibitions:—

TORONTO

CLASS 239—HONEY AND APIARY SUPPLIES.

(Entrance Fee, 25 cents each entry.)

Sec. 1.—Best and most attractive display of 50 lbs. of extracted granulated Clover Honey, in glass, quality to count 80 points, display 20 points. 1st prize, \$5; 2nd prize, \$4; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$1.

2.—Best and most attractive display of 50 lbs. of extracted granulated Linden Honey, in glass, quality to count 80 points, display 20 points. \$4, \$2, \$1.

3.—Best display of 100 lbs. of liquid extracted Honey, of which not less than 250 lbs. must be in glass, quality to count 80 points, display 20 points. \$18, \$12, \$8, \$5.

4.—Best 500 lbs. of Comb Honey in sections, quality as per score card to count 100 points, display 33; to count 133 points. \$22, \$17, \$10, \$6.

5.—Best 12 sections of Comb Honey of quality to be considered, that is, say, clean sections and best filled. \$3, \$2, \$1.

6.—Best 100 lbs. of extracted liquid

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