

the other side, are three weeks and more behind orders, and in "Gleanings" they say what we feel, that bee-keepers must run some risk themselves and order early or run the chance of delay. We would advise everyone to order at once from their supply dealer what goods they may require, or they may not get them at all, and more than that, before you threaten to cancel orders, make sure you can get them more promptly from someone else, or you may by cancelling lose the chance you had, and have to take your turn further down the ranks. Have your affairs in shape for ample storage, take a well ripened article in extracted honey, and a good comb in sections and you can command the best price.

Reports.

The April number of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is very good. I think you are solid on the new Bee Way Section.

J. F. DUNN.

Ridgeway, April 2nd, 1898.

Please find post office order. The Journal has greatly improved since coming under your management and I wish it every success. Sorry to hear of the loss you sustained in the factory by fire. Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours truly,

ARTHUR MURPHY.

Ontario, April 6th, 1898.

The prompt manner in which you attend to business and your square dealing, deserve my kindest acknowledgment.

JAS. SHAW.

Kemble, April 9th, 1898.

Bees brought in first pollen here on March 16th. If this weather continues we will have swarms early in May.

J. F. DUNN.

Ridgeway, Ont., Welland Co.

Personal.

A son of Mr. R. McKnight, Owen Sound, who during the last five months has been attending the Ontario Agriculture College, has left for the Klondyke. Another in the party is a son of Mr. John Miller, Owen Sound, who has about 90 colonies of bees and is Warden of the Goal.

Notes from the Central Ontario Apiary.

By C. W. POST.

During the past season I began a diary of the season's work in my apiaries, but as the season turned out a failure as far as honey was concerned, it was abandoned to be continued in a more favorable season. Last season's work can be told in a few words. In this locality it was a failure. The first of August found me removing winter packing and preparing to move the bees to more favorable quarters for winter stores. I moved three colonies to the Murray Canal, taking 135 colonies in a car and the balance by steamboat. I never saw better prospects for buckwheat, but as soon as we got things moved and placed in three apiaries we had nothing but cold, squally weather, just as unfavorable as it could be, and they barely stored enough for winter stores.

This season I began placing them on their summer stands earlier than usual. The first sixty-six were taken from the cellar on February 11th and the balance between the 5th and 12th of March. If there is any difference in their condition at this date of writing, its in favor of the first one's removed. I placed a cushion on each colony as far as they went, not having enough for all, I tried a new plan of spring packing. I placed a row of stands facing east and set them perfectly level, and set a colony on each stand and spread a piece of cotton just the size of the hive and then spread a thin layer of sawdust on to level up and fill up the bee space over tops of frames, then over that placed an enamel cloth cut two inches larger than tops of hives, then put on the honey boards and the four inch suncaps and allow it to crimp down the enamel cloth to prevent any heat from escaping. They were allowed to stand in that way for a few days, and when the next lot were taken from the cellar, the suncaps and honey boards were removed from those prepared, and a colony was set directly on top of each one facing the west and a long alighting board placed in front (I had some discarded bottom boards that just filled the bill). I placed a cushion on the top hive with all suncaps painted red. You may imagine the results. I expect to pack a large proportion in that way next year.

(To be continued.)