

THE are hived as you desire, except that you are not sure that all have queens. In the cellar they soon show which are queenless; but, as they can't fly in the cool, dark place, they accept the conditions, and give you ample time to go down with a lantern and supply the needed queens, and restore quiet.

This season has been, with me, unusual for swarming. One day I had eleven in my cellar at one time; all taken within an hour from one decoy bush. Luckily all except three of the hives secured queens. The others were at once supplied, and after the day's hurry was over all were taken out and located as desired; all as cool and happy as could be. The eleven hives contained fifteen prime swarms. It was a great comfort to be able to give a swarm in five minutes, take it into the cellar before another came out and mixed in with it, and feel that they could stay in the cellar as well as not until their heat was over. — Bee-keepers' Review.

Communications

Canadian Honey at Wolverhampton.

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Dear Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. The exhibit of Canadian honey which you sent me through the Manufacturers' Association is answering the purpose admirably. I have had many experts sample the honey on exhibition and they all consider Canadian honey equal to the best English. I think a stock of Canadian honey in England would sell well and in large quantities, although foreign extracted

product is quoted as low as from 3d to 3½d per lb. for manufacturing purposes. Good English honey brings from 1s to 1 2d per lb. in sections. The weather this year has been very bad for bee-keepers in this country, cold, dull and wet, with very little sunshine and as a consequence the honey crop has been small. They hope, however, that the Northern part, where the bees fed on heather, will compensate them for the loss on flower honey. The imports for the month of July last into the United Kingdom were valued at £5,553. One gentleman from Somersetshire said that what little honey has been got was mixed with "honey dew." He also said that they only had about one good season in 5 years. There were only about three weeks of bee weather this season and the swarms were starving, though heather and clover abundant. Another gentleman from Cambridgeshire said he had a fine crop. Clover, mustard and limes yielded well in turn.

I was struck with an article I saw, where Austria leads in the number of hives with 1,500,000; Germany, 1,450,000; France, 950,000; Holland, 240,000; Belgium, 200,000; Russia, 110,000; Denmark, 90,000; Greece, 30,000. There have been a great many honey shows in England during this month and many of the judges have paid our Pavilion a visit and were very interested in the exhibit. They sampled the honey and thought it very fine. There are two large shows to be held in London this year where large quantities of honey are sold. At one of the shows there is a challenge cup offered by the British Bee-keepers' Association to commemorate Coronation year. The cup is a valuable one and needs winning three times before becoming the property of the winner.—W. D. SCOTT.
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