

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—I use the full sheets whenever I can get them, and I know of no good reasons against their use.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I have used full sheets until the past three years. I now use 1/8 to 1/2 to save first cost and to see if it is as well.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Yes, when I use only starters in the sections. If I use full sheets in the sections then I use only starters in the frames. The reason is that if bees do not have some place to build comb during a good honey yield much wax is wasted.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, Ky.—I use full sheets of foundation or readily drawn combs in the brood nest of my hives. My only reason for wishing that I could get good all worker combs without full sheets of foundation is because good foundation is costly, and I would be glad to avoid the expense of buying so much foundation.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—Sometimes full sheets, but usually starters—I think it pays to use full sheets—but I can, with proper management, get about as much surplus honey with starters (in brood-chamber) as with full sheets. I want full sheets of very thin foundation in sections.

J. ALPAUGH, ST. THOMAS, ONT.—No, for the last three years I have used starters in the brood frames. I prefer them to full sheets, taking into consideration the price of foundation, it would require an article too long for this department to explain all my reasons for not using full sheets.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE—Yes, leaving a small space at the side for stretch as well as an inch or two at bottom that can be used for drone comb if the bees require it, that prevents the destruction of foundation to make room for drone comb and keeps the drones where they can be cut out without spoiling the combs.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—Yes, and I find them very advantageous. Some very ingenious theories have been evolved by those who argue in favor of 1/4 or 1/2 sheets, but these theories have not only not impressed me as being practical, but rather as being nonsensical. It must be borne in mind that I don't mean to set myself up as an authority, but I give my views, gained from my own experience; they may go for what they are worth.

D. A. JONES.—If you are taking either comb or extracted honey from supers or second stories, put your swarms on starters, then as fast as the combs are drawn out the queen lays in them and the honey is carried above them as the brood hatches out at the top, the bees fill and seal the honey above the brood nest where I like to have it.

DID NOT RECEIVE NOTICE.

F. A. GEMMILL,—Will you kindly inform the Brant. Bee-Keepers Association that the reason why I did not attend the meeting on April 14th at Brantford was because I did not receive any notice of the date of such meeting, although I had previously arranged with Mr. Anguish, the Secretary to say something on Foul Brood when they held their spring meeting. You can, therefore, imagine my surprise to-day, April 9th, at seeing for the first time, in your issue of April 1st, that I was in the programme for such meeting.

Stratford April 9th.

We are sorry that Mr. Gemmill did not get notice in time to forward a paper on the above subject. We presume the notice miscarried in the mails. We often receive post cards wondering why we have not sent the JOURNAL, when they have been mailed in the ordinary way, and have gone astray by some means. We have just learned from a private note from Mr. Gemmill, that he is yet suffering from his late illness. We hope that the fine spring weather now approaching will restore him to his usual vigor.

HIS BEES WERE CUT IN TWO.

ROBERT CAMPION.—Last spring I started with six colonies, increased to nineteen and extracted about 550 lbs. honey. I packed 16 colonies in one single clamp 24 feet long, a space of about 8 inches filled with chaff all around. I don't know how they will come out. I packed the same way last winter and they came out all right. If they do well I will begin the season with over sixty, as I purchased 48 last fall, which are being wintered in the cellar. My neighbors within a mile and a half and three miles got no honey, very little increase, and had to feed their bees for winter. One man says something killed his bees in the fall, each bee being cut in two. What was the cause?

Kilsyth, Ont.

We do not see any necessity for putting six inches of chaff between the hives. One or two inches ought to be sufficient if properly packed. This plan would allow more bees in the same clamp. If the hives could be put tight enough together they would not need packing between, as the warmth from one hive would benefit the other. We do not know what cut the bees in two. When mice get into the colonies they often cut all the dead bees on the floor in two, which gives the bees a chopped up appearance on the bottom board. We do not know of any other reason. If mice have been present, by smelling in the hives a mousy odour will be detected.