

what we expect they will be, we predict for him a large queen trade. Kindly accept our thanks Mr. F. for the same.

Mr. G. A. Deadman writes us as follows. "Mr. E. Armstrong of Ripley informs me that both his and his neighbor's bees are crawling out of the hive and dying by the hundreds, their bodies seem distended, possibly some Horticulturists are spraying their fruit trees." If you will look up last issue of C. B. J. you will notice we had the same trouble in our apiary, we are of the opinion that the weather had something to do with it or perhaps as you say, some horticulturists have been spraying their trees, be it what it may, it has left our yard and the bees now are all in fine condition.

We notice according to the last issue of the A. B. J. that friend Newman has disposed of same to Messrs George W. York & Co. as the following would imply:—

"We have this day sold the American Bee Journal, together with the printing office, "good will," accounts, etc., to George W. York & Co., who will continue its publication, as heretofore, at the same location, and we commend them to all our friends bespeaking for them a continuation of the liberal patronage so long bestowed upon us. They will fill all unexpired contracts, and receive all subscriptions now due."

THOMAS G. NEWMAN & SON.

Chicago, Ills., June 1, 1892.

We wish our friends every success in the undertaking and hope that the same brotherly feeling may exist among us as has existed heretofore.

On the afternoon of the 27th it commenced getting colder towards evening and I predicted frost, before ten o'clock at night it was evident that fruit bloom would suffer in some localities, luckily in this section very little was out. Some of our favorite cherries and pears were in bloom and the apple was just beginning to show signs of opening out. On the morning of the 28th we found the grass white and stiff with frost and any tender vegetables not protected were injured and in some localities entirely destroyed. We knew some of our colonies we had prepared for queen rearing were very strong in bees and we ex-

pected them to swarm before fruit bloom was over but we were not a little surprised to find at noon on the 28th a large fine swarm issuing from one of our combination hives and we found on examination a large number of very fine queen cells some of them nearly ready to hatch, this was owing to the weather being unsuitable for swarming before and the queen cells having been guarded. We have since examined the blossoms on the cherry and pear and find very few of them injured, in fact the bees are gathering very liberally to-day from both sources. Honey is being gathered in large quantities from dandelion, and apparently dandelion honey is more susceptible of flavor than most kinds, as the smoke from the Smoker to-day made some fresh honey in the combs taste quite smoky, we think there had been too much smoke used, as it was an inexperienced hand operating at the time. We have had dandelion honey in such quantities as to know all its peculiarities.

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