

be packed in outer cases which ought not to contain more than six dozen sections. Pack the section cases in the outer case just as crockery is packed in a crate that is with a layer of packing above, below, and around each. Straw or any other good packing material will answer the purpose, but it must be well rammed home as safety depends on the solidity of the contents of each case large and small. The layers of packing need not exceed an inch in thickness but the outer cases should be strongly made. It is astonishing what abuse comb honey will stand without being injured if put up in this way. I am just now doing up some comb honey for Scotland packed as above.

I never do up comb honey in outer cases if sending anywhere within the Dominion. My plan is to put two or three section cases (of whatever size) on top of each other, bind them together by means of a piece of lath placed along the four corners of the pile. These strips are fastened to the section cases with screws nails they bind the pile firmly together. I fasten another piece of lath diagonally across the glassed face of the cases to prevent the glass being broken. I usually put three cases in each lot. I have followed this method for some years and have sent comb honey to the foot of the Rocky Mountains and have never had a section damaged. Everybody that touches it sees that they are handling.

R. McKnight.

Owen Sound.

The above article Mr. McKnight has kindly given us in reply to the request of Mr. J. Blais, of St. Foy, Que.

We knew that Mr. McKnight would remember just how the honey was put up which was taken to England three years since by the commissioners of the O. B. K. A., and that if there were any improvements to be suggested we should get them from him.

We should now like to have from Mr. Alpaugh, of St. Thomas, his method of packing comb honey for shipment. If we remember rightly Mr. Alpaugh puts his crates in cases large enough to hold about 12 crates of one dozen sections without any packing, and his honey always turns out as nicely at exhibitions as any that we know of.

His exact method will be appreciated by the readers of the BEE JOURNAL, and we hope to hear from him.

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### Satisfied With the Season.

A CHERRY LETTER ON VARIOUS TOPICS FROM FRIEND STOKES.

**D**IDN'T I tell you some time ago that the bees were in good condition. Well! although June was most extremely wet and cold, it did not seem to fizz on the bees, as on setting them out in the spring I covered all the hives with two or three thicknesses of old newspaper letting it come down all around them. Then the cover drew it close to the hive:

#### CONTROLLING SWARMS.

About the middle of June they commenced to swarm and by the end seventeen first swarms had made their exit. The last old queen came out July 21st. Three colonies have not swarmed at all as their queens died earlier and I gave them young queens from the first swarm. I have had the best time in the apiary I ever had, every thing has gone well. I have been able by various means to control after swarms, and it was really amusing to note that if one way did not do another would, and sometimes that another was to let them have their way. Before the first swarms were done, the first swarm tried it over again. I caught the queen in a cage but the bees, oh dear! where were they? Why they just joined in with an after swarm and yet they did not like that altogether. One wanted to go on one tree and the other did not, so they all left that and tried it again on two different ones and there between the two the great body of bees just halted, sometimes moving towards one cluster forming and then another for some time, at last one got all. While this was going on I got another hive same color in the place of the old one. I forgot to say a good many of the bees from the old queen got disgusted with the whole business and came back. I then let in the old queen, and took part of the cluster and put in with them and all went on merrily. I have kept the rest back so far by taking out the queen cells and giving them foundation to work out and empty comb to fill.

#### HOME MADE FOUNDATION.

Here I would say I have made a lot of foundation with Plaster of Paris moulds, made by myself, and have got it to go splendid. The bees accept it and work it out right away. A person can, as I do, melt the cappings in a solar wax extractor and in a few days get enough to make it into foundation and use it over again. That is only for brood combs of course.

#### TAKEN 50 LBS. PER COLONY.

I have just doubled the colonies and one over, having now seventy one colonies most all