

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

### Destroying Surplus Bees — Premium Lists, Etc.

ON page 1100 you say in an editorial note: "We think the method given by Mr. Alpaugh in another column is much ahead of the one you suggest, or do you speak from experience?"

I have found it necessary to wait some time after the honey flow ceases before destroying bees, as it is quite a while before the combs are free from brood; that is why I propose disposing of brood combs as stated.

I have allowed bees to starve as suggested, in the article you refer to, and there is no necessity of shutting them in, but thought brimstoning or chloroforming more humane.

#### A MODEL PREMIUM LIST.

The above subject was very ably handled by Mr. Macpherson, at the last meeting of the Ontario Bee Keepers Association.

In clause 1 the manner of putting up honey for market is taken into consideration. While not wishing to force the point, I doubt if it would be wise to do this, as it would exclude many who cannot afford to go to the expense of getting the best package for retailing, (I am not trying to hit any one in this matter), yet who may have the best honey. There should be a prize given for quality of honey alone, and I think no better place can be found for this than class 1; No. 2 for comb honey the same.

I should agree in three, four and five, although 500 pounds of honey is a large quantity to handle in glass, yet it makes the display better.

No. 6.—"Beeswax, not less than 10 pounds soft bright yellow wax to be given the preference over bleached wax," is very good; it indicates the best wax in the estimation of bee-keepers generally, for comb foundation.

No. 9.—I cannot see any use for. There is so little of an instructive nature about milling foundation; surely we can put that \$15.00 to better use. Suppose we give in place of No. 9, a premium as follows: "Best mode of selling extracted honey, practical value as regards cost to be considered.

No. 15.—Display of honey producing-plants, I see no great use for.

No. 16.—The idea that the supply dealer should make an exhibit without premiums is an absurdity. The argument that he should receive remuneration enough in advertising himself holds just as good in the case of the honey producer; the latter advertises his honey for sale. The fallacy of this argument was demonstrated at Toronto last year—no supply deal-

ers exhibited there; the year before only one. To avoid any chance of criticisms I should reduce the \$20.00 prize to \$15, and put it into a third at \$5.00, putting the supply dealer on the same footing as the one displaying comb and extracted honey.

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I do not know but perhaps it might be as well that the question of "putting up for market" be left out in classes 1 and 2., but again, it doesn't make any very great difference, because the bulk of such exhibits will be in glass of some kind, and the range of glass that is suitable for market is so small, that this would count as but few points in the judgment. In class three, only 250 lbs of honey is necessary in glass—not 500 lbs. The object sought in class 9, was not so much one of instruction to the bee-keepers who might be present at the fair, as to the general public—it might have a tendency to disabuse the minds of certain people who still believe in adulterated honey, stored in combs made by human agency. My object was to supply a list suitable for an exposition similar to that held yearly at Toronto, but the amount of money offered in my list is even greater than is usually offered there. To bring it down to the amount usually given at Toronto, I would leave out classes 9 and 15, as the least beneficial of the entire list. I do not think the addition of a third premium in class 16 an improvement; you must remember that there are a dozen entries in honey to one in supplies, and the scale of prizes must be arranged accordingly.—F. H. M.

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### Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association.

THE annual meeting of the Haldimand Bee-keepers' Association was held at the Town Hall Cayuga Saturday March 22nd 1890. The following members were present: James Jack, William Kindree, Robt. Coverdale, Frank Rose, J. D. Rae, W. B. Best, Israel Overholt, John Bell, John Winger, Alex. Stewart and the Secretary. In the absence of the President, Mr. James Jack was called to the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### SPRING MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Kindree said the best way to manage for spring was to see that the bees had plenty of honey in the fall. He favored crowding the