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Mr. Peter Bussey of South Essex reports an excellent harvest and encouraging reports from other places have been received. Still the total honey crop will be light and good prices should rule. Comb honey should be disposed of rapidly at 15 cents and extracted should bring at least 10 cents.

J. B. Case of Port Orange, Fla., writes us as follows: "We are having a good season here."—6 tons extracted honey from 50 colonies and about three weeks before the close of season. Weather has been rainy for last three weeks or we would have done better.

H. E. inquires:—(1) If a queen once fertilized and laying well, will be all right for more than one season without being mated again. (2) If they need to be mated again at any time will they get mated in the hive if they have their wings clipped and cannot fly.

Ans. (1) A queen is never fertilized but once. This fertilization lasts during the whole life time of the queen although her fertility decreases in proportion to the number of eggs she lays. Sometimes a queen after laying for three years contains so few spermatozoa that she rarely or never fertilizes the eggs and consequently breeds nothing but drones. Apropos of this the following from the pen of Mr. Heddon is timely: "Super-seeding queens used to be a popular subject to write about. In those days we kept still on the subject, but always let our bees boss that job. Now leading writers advocate our long time practice."

The honey crop in this vicinity will not be up to the average. Very little rain has fallen and the white clover crop was a failure.

The second number of The Bee-Keepers' Quarterly is on our desk at this writing. Mr. Heddon has experienced some trouble in getting his paper accepted by the post-office authorities at Washington but a little difficulty like that does not daunt a man of Mr. Heddon's calibre. The new issue appears as a supplement to his newspaper "The Don agiac Times" and is just as interesting and brimful of practical matter as its predecessor.

Western Fair, London.

As usual at this time each year the Western Fair Office staff are busily engaged in mailing Prize Lists and other advertising matter throughout the Province, in connection with their great Live Stock and Agricultural Exhibition which they hold in London, September 13th to 22nd, this year.

The Secretary writes us that he will be pleased to mail a Prize List to any who may have been overlooked, or receiving their address. Thousands have been sent out, but still there are more to follow. On examining them you will find the Directorate have had their eyes open to the continual advancement of this great fair, and have made several additions, alterations and amendments to the last year's list, some of them very important to breeders and agriculturists,