

honey and bee-candy. The Carniolan came in small cage (such as the last described by you), in 18 days from Munich, with, if I recollect right but one worker dead. There is no risk with regard to cage and packing in sending for queens to Mr. Benton, whom I have found a reliable and honorable dealer and a pleasant man to deal with, not to forget Mrs. Benton as a most pleasant lady correspondent. Both queens received from Mr. Benton are very satisfactory. I have reared quite a lot of young queens off those for to breed from next season to supply my different apiaries. I have several crosses between the Syrian and Cyprian with the Carniolans, where the workers have proved most industrious honey gatherers the past season. I have 200 swarms of bees, mostly Syrians and Carniolans, and but few Cyprians and Albinos. The Italians are discarded by me.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 29, 1885.

LOTS OF HONEY AND A GOOD SEASON.

E. T. MARTIN. — I am in receipt of the C. B. J. of the 7th inst., and have read it as carefully as usual and got full value for time and money. At the last end (and that always comes too soon) you ask for reports, so being one of your scholars, I will try my hand at it for the first time. By referring to my bee book—April 22nd—five colonies alive out of eight; two in good order with brood, three weak ones (they were blacks); the two were Italians, the queens were daughters of a D. A. Jones' queen. By killing black queens and giving eggs and brood from the Italians I have all Italians and by dividing I have increased to nine, sold one, and now have eight and no natural swarms. The weather being wet and windy there was no surplus from clover and black berry, but plenty for brooding. On July 16th I commenced extracting from four hives not interfering with brood nest; finished extracting on August 22nd—265 lbs. of extracted honey and 35 lbs. of sections, making 300 lbs. from five hives. Overhauled them on September 28th, and found six hives with ten frames each so full of honey and so many bees that I could scarcely get a rack out; two were not so full but plenty capped for winter and more coming all the time; the queens still laying, in fact we have had almost a continual flow since July 20th and no frost till the 6th inst., and that was very light. We have had rain and wind for the last week so that the bees have done but little. It has been the best honey season in this neighborhood for fifteen years, so those say that have had bees for that length of time; the basswood, chestnut, sumach, buckwheat, golden rod, aster, boneset, and several other flowers have been our bee pasture and in about the order stated. I am not aware that we have honey-dew and very little Canada thistle.

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We still have a few queens to spare at the same prices as mentioned last week.

[THE INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.]

The committee appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government in reference to the Canadian exhibit of honey at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London, Eng., next year is: Messrs. Corneil, Spence, Campbell, Morris, and Clarke. We suppose that, more properly speaking the committee should wait, not upon the Dominion Government, but upon the Commissioners appointed for Canada, of whom Sir Charles Tupper is chief. A meeting of intending exhibitors or rather a conference with the commissioners will shortly be held in Toronto.

A TESTIMONIAL FROM A GOOD BEE-KEEPER AS TO THE QUALITIES OF THE CANADIAN BEE-FEEDER.

Friend R. McKnight, Owen Sound, Ont., writes us unsolicited as follows: "I have given your new feeder a fair test and have much pleasure in bearing my testimony to its merits. It is unquestionably the best feeder that has ever been put upon the market. Certainly none other that I have seen can at all be compared with it for rapid, safe and comfortable feeding. Some of my colonies have taken down and stowed ten pounds of food from it in one night. In getting it out and putting it upon the market you have supplied a long felt want to the bee-keepers of Canada.

A CHANGE IN EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Heretofore the Canadian Express Company have controlled the lines running out of Beeton in the carrying of express parcels, and we found it very much against our business with our customers having to pay double charges because of the very small number of offices on the list of the Canadian Express Co. Now, however, that is all changed. Instead of some 500 offices we have now connection with over 4000, and those customers who complained before will now rejoice, while those who were fortunate before will henceforth be a little more hampered by the change. We suppose, however, that the old