

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

J. A. CATHERWOOD:—I received queen all right and in good condition.
Matsqui, British Columbia, August 4, 1887.

I. MICHNER:—I am so well pleased with Carniolian bees that I cannot speak too highly in their favor. Two years ago I got a queen from a Pennsylvania breeder, and although the bees were good honey gatherers they were not very gentle. She had evidently mismated. A year ago he sent me another which produces very gentle bees. We can scarcely provoke them to sting and yet they defend their hive splendidly, and now during this time of scarcity since basswood has failed the Italians are ready to thrust in their stings when the hive is opened. Syrians are almost unmanageable, and Carniolians remain as gentle as ever, allowing us to handle them without smoke or veil, even on a cloudy rainy morning like this present one. They have gathered, poor season as it has been, 200 pounds of extracted honey. It has been very dry here this season, nothing has yielded well, but this colony of Carniolians has gathered more than any other colony we have had.
Low Banks, August 7th, 1887.

AN AMATEUR AT INTRODUCTION.

ALEX. BLACK:—Queen came to hand yesterday all right. Book came the day before. I think I made a success of introducing this time. I took the bees out of the hive and put them into a box, sprinkled them with water, put the queen in among them and shook them and rolled them round together till they got acquainted with each other then I emptied them out in front of the hive and they all went in together and are keeping very quiet, so I think everything is satisfactory. I moved them from the old stand as they were very strong, and put a weaker hive in their place to catch the bees that were out. Did I do right or not?
Sonya, August, 12th 1887.

The manner in which you introduced the queen will, no doubt have the effect of making very many of the bees mark their new location, but had you taken them out in the ordinary way all the old bees would have returned to the old stand. It is not a good plan to take one colony away and set another in its place without caging the queen of the weaker one in place of the strong one which you have removed. The old bees returning from the fields, and those which returned to their old home find a strange queen and although the bees of the weaker colony will usually try to guard their queen, frequently the queen will be destroyed. If you had caged your queen for say twenty-four hours when

you first set the hive there, then liberated her after giving the bees a few puffs of smoke no doubt she would have been kindly received. The way in which you introduced the queen, if properly done, is sure to be successful, and from your description you appear to have done it alright. We have introduced queens in this way to colonies that had destroyed their queens previously and in fact baffled the skill of some quite expert queen introducers. This same plan of introducing has been successful with exceedingly bad cases of fertile workers when all other attempts failed except chloroform.

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