

following manner;—smoke the bees, turn the hive upside down, put an empty box on top, have no openings between the two, close them with the cloth, then drum the bees, rapping two sticks rapidly on the hive containing the bees. In about twenty minutes all the bees with the queen will be in the empty hive.

The next difficulty is to separate the queen, I would put the queen excluder underneath the hive with the combs, shake the bees in front of the hive, and they will go to the combs. In running along the ground, or better on top of a cotton sheet, try to detect the queen. With smoke assist them in reaching the combs, and the queen not being able to pass through the perforated metal can be kept separate. Then put the queen on the bottom board of the hive according to directions sent with each queen.

As to quantity of bee supplies for each colony, I send you a circular and price list. If running them for comb honey you should take a No. 2 hive, with either supers "A" or "B." A pound of light brood foundation to each hive, about one hundred sections, and one pound of foundation for each hive, a bee veil, a No. 1 smoker, and for each five colonies you have spring-count I would get seven hives. It pays to get the best smoker. If you are running for extracted honey take a No. 3 hive in place of the No. 2, and sections and section foundation, and take an additional pound of brood foundation. You should have a honey extractor and honey knife. I trust the above information will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

R. F. HOLTERMANN.

A Question.

Will you please tell me in the next number of the Canadian Bee Journal the best method of transferring seven old box hives into frame hives? Also the best time and how to change queens? These bees are black and I want Italian. Can I take any frames containing Italian queen cells and put them into the hives of black bees? Give me full particulars as I am a beginner. All the eight Italian colonies I bought from you are alive with their sixteen swarms.

Quebec.

As has been before stated some transfer bees and comb during fruit bloom; it should be done at a time when honey is coming in, and if the combs are to be

transferred at a time when brood is in the comb when there is not too much honey stored in the hive. Bees are transferred by gently smoking the bees, and turning the box upside down. Ed.]

On page 520 appears an engraving reproduced from a photograph taken of some of the bee-keepers who attended the late Brantford convention. A portion of the proceedings is published in the present number. A portion of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association report will appear in the next issue of the Canadian Bee Journal.

Bees are wintering very quiet so far. I don't think there is a dead colony in the whole lot.

March 1st, '99.

C. W. Post.

Bees I think are wintering fairly well. We have had the coldest weather this winter for one steady week I ever knew. Niagara Peninsula.

WILL ELLIS.

March 9th, '99.

I have not examined the bees for the last two weeks and do not know just how they are at present, but they seemed to be all right just after the cold snap.

Waterloo Co.,

JACOB ALPAUGH.

March 3rd.

Blondes should not wear deep cream color.

A clever oculist warns ladies having weak eyes against wearing spotted veils. In such cases it is much safer to wear no veil at all.

A French lady advertises that she is willing to take pet dogs out for daily walks from 5 a. m. till 11 p. m., at a charge of half a franc per hour.

An expert says that glass would be a better and more lasting material than stone for making monuments which are exposed to the wearing action of the weather.