

raise all the drones from these five colonies that I need for my 100 queens; and, with my management, no other colonies raise any. It takes us two, some five or six hours to find the queens.

Now, take notice. The queens are taken away during the honey flow, and just at the time when the colonies are as heavy as it is possible to have them; and my colonies have from 16 to 24 frames, if they can use them, for a brood nest; and right here I wish to say that no better queens can be produced by any conditions or methods known to the bee-keepers of to-day.

About 10 or 11 days after taking away the queens is the time we take to weed out any inferior colonies; and shaking the bees from all the combs, and destroying all the queen cells. I then go to one of my best colonies, and take one frame that has queen cells and give it to this poor colony; and the change is complete.

This day is the day on which to make some nuclei, as we will need some queens to take the place of those that are lost. It is also the day on which to make our increase.

Those 95 queens all hatch at about the same time. The practical honey-producer, when running several yards, must have a certain line of work that fits every colony in that one yard the same day.

Many will ask the question: "When these young queens hatch, will we not have some swarming?" In taking away the last 1,000 queens, not one of the colonies has swarmed. At this time they do not hatch until just after the honey flow.

#### Why We Requeen.

First, for the improvement of our bees. Second, it gives us complete

control of our bees, in every yard, from start to finish.

Hardly one colony in 100 is ever queenless. Again, it is remarkable how even our colonies are at all times. This is a big thing, as all our colonies are ready for the same kind of work at the same time.

These young queens build our colonies up for winter better than old queens can, and they lay later in the season, giving more young bees for winter.

#### SIMCOE CONVENTION

The spring meeting of the County of Simcoe Bee-Keepers' Association will be held in Barrie on Easter Saturday, April 18, 1908. A good program will be provided, and everybody interested made welcome.

C. H. Wilson, Pres. Denis Nolan, Sec.  
Hawkestone. Newton Robinson.

#### BOUND VOLUMES OF THE C.B.J.

If any of our readers wish their Bee Journals bound up, we will be very pleased to bind them. The charge will be 50c. We have some of each month of 1907 left over, and will supply these bound for \$1.50.

The Hurley Printing Co. would be glad to hear from any bee-keepers who may be in need of business stationery or labels of any kind. It is our intention to prepare a special label for ten and five-pound pails. We would be very pleased to receive a few samples of labels from those using them, in order that we may have a better idea of what may be required in this line. We can supply immediately letter heads, bill heads, envelopes, or anything in printing that you may need.