

did well. We took from some 120 pounds section honey; the dry weather set in, then about July 1st, they did very little until the 12th of September. They have gathered honey very fast up to the present time but very dark in colour. For several days the bees worked on hickory leaves which were covered with a dark sticky substance which I never saw before.

North Pelham, Ont, Sept., 2., 1886.

CLEANING UP COMB.

A. BRIDGE.—What is the best plan of getting combs cleaned up by the bees after being extracted that are to be stored away for next season; last year I put them outside a short distance from the bees, I put the combs in empty hives and tiered the hives up crosswise; the bees had a grand jubilee cleaning them up, but they destroyed a lot of combs. There was only a few sheets of foundation left on some of the frames. I will not try that plan again of getting my combs cleaned up.

Put them behind a perforated metal division board or in a second story and the bees will likely clean them up. It is not, however, necessary after extracting to more than pack them away in a good dry place till next spring. Certainly your combs would be destroyed when placed outside subject to the attacks of robber-bees.

BEES STILL WORKING.

A. BRIDGE.—We are having fine warm weather here. I noticed several of my colonies carrying in pollen, I do not understand what they can be working on at this season of the year. I examined two colonies that were carrying pollen to see what was going on inside, and I found in both hives eggs, and brood in all stages. Is it not an unusual thing for bees to be breeding at this season of the year? My bees are in fine condition for wintering, plenty of young bees and plenty of stores of good sealed honey. My bees did well this year on clover and on buckwheat. I have several hundred sections filled and sealed with buckwheat honey, and I have several hundred partly filled and partly sealed those I extracted and have packed away for another season. After extracting the sections they were put out in the yard near the apiary and cleaned up by the bees, my surplus brood combs that were extracted were put in behind the division board and satisfactorily cleaned up, some of the combs were broken by the extractor, but when I took them out from behind the division board they were so nicely mended that no person could have noticed that they had been broken.

I think the cleaning up of the combs has been the principal cause of the late brooding.

West Brook, Oct., 12th, 1886.

In South Western Canada there is still active work going on in the field as well as the bee-hive, weeks of good flow have visited bee-keepers in that section, since our flow in Northern Ontario ceased.

ITALIANS CREATE A RIOT.

Wednesday morning a gang of Italians struck the confectionery works of J. H. Lamb & Co., Mexford, and took forcible possession of the building, clambering in at the windows, doors, and by every other conceivable mode of ingress until there were probably thousands in the building. By Italians we mean Italian bees. Kettles of syrup prepared for manufacture were taken possession of and their contents quickly annihilated, trays of manufactured sweets were disposed of in the same manner, the floors, tables and furniture were covered with the humming, buzzing gang, and work had to be suspended entirely. The loss to Mr. Lamb will be considerable, and the nuisance created by their presence and the work of cleaning up after them will be no small affair. It is not now a safe experiment to quote to Mr. Lamb the little couplet that says;

"How doth the busy little bee
Improve each shining hour?"

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