

idea mentioned does not occur among bee-men when the address is given, and if a man has an opinion to express, a question to ask, or any topic whatever to ventilate, he adds weight to what he says and vanity or modesty are not called in question when he does so over his own name. Modesty is a term misapplied to users of a *nom de plume* in newspapers generally, for they often wantonly abuse their privilege.

The English enquirers deserve credit for enclosing stamp when writing; would that the same were general here.

For the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

From the "Mountain View Apiary."

FRIEND SHULTZ, OF CLONTARF, TELLS OF HIS
YIELD OF 170 LBS. PER COLONY
SPRING COUNT.

ON the 8th of November, 1887, I put my 25 colonies of bees into the bee repository, the temperature of which ranged all winter from 38° to 50° F. On April the 26th 23 colonies were alive and in good condition, and were put on their summer stands; three colonies were sold during May and three others turned out to be queenless, so that I had only 17 good colonies to begin the season with. Five were in the new Heddon hives, the rest in the Jones B. W. hives. Six were worked for section honey and eleven for extracted, on the tiering up plan. The spring was cold and dry all through the month of May. Bees worked well on fruit bloom and on dandelions. Drones were flying on the 10th of June; the first swarm issued on the 16th of June, two more on the 17th and so on up to July the 2nd when all colonies but one had swarmed, and all swarming for the season was apparently over. White clover and alsike bloomed very plentifully, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, and my bees stored considerable surplus. The swarms were hived on the old stand and the parent colony carried to a new location. The new colonies received honey boards over the brood chamber, some of them were queen-excluding, others were only slatted, but some of those had tin strips tacked onto the slats to make them queen-excluding, but they were not a success with me. I have come to the conclusion that I cannot afford to use other than queen-excluding honey-boards another season. I find that I get 40 to 60 per cent more honey besides the great comfort and the saving of time at extracting, by using the perforated metal. I find also that colonies with the queen-excluding

honey-boards will not swarm as often as those without it. The drouth continued throughout July, and the scorching hot sun with parching dry winds proved too much for the nectar secreting powers of the plants and blossoms, so that the bees could not get anything during July and into August, when we had some nice healthy showers. Thistles and all kinds of fall flowers came into bloom, the bees seemed to have new life and vigor, and went to work in earnest. Their glad hum, was like music in the air and could be heard far away, when all day long, in seemingly endless streams, they were coming home, filling their hives in a short time with the delicious sweet to overflowing. All the new colonies commenced to swarm, and several swarms had gone to the woods before I was aware of their doings, as I was very busy at that time with my farm work. Now for the results: I have now 45 colonies in the bee cellar, all in A. I. condition with more than enough honey in their hives to do them till next June, with no fall-feeding to do as in previous years. My honey crop is: 300 lbs A 1 honey in 4½x4½ sections and 2,600 lbs of extracted. I think that is not a bad showing, at any rate it is far better than I have had yet in my 12 years of bee-keeping. I have only 6 colonies of black, or German bees in my apiary, all the rest are of the different races now so common on this continent. I am convinced that had my colonies all been blacks I would not have near so large a yield of honey to record as I have now. All my section honey was sold early in the fall, and orders for three and four times the amount than what I had, kept coming in long after all was sold. In some cases the orders were couched in very flattering language about my honey, and I was very sorry at not being able to fill all. Of the extracted I have about one-third on hand yet.

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SCIENTIFIC LAGERDEMAIN.

ANOTHER PHASE OF THE WILEY LIE.

IN these days of adulteration

"When all things are not what they seem
And everything is something else,
it is no more miraculous that olive oil should be squeezed out of a peanut than that Java coffee should be ground out of chicory root, or that black pepper be only another name for pulverised cocoanut shells. Science is making such rapid strides toward helping us in our gastronomic needs, that nature herself must get out of the way or she will be run over. Even the poor honey-bee was accused, not of laziness, for