

## Notes And Comments

By a York County  
Bee Keeper . . .

### SEASON OF 1903 A BUMPER ONE IN CENTRAL NORTHERN STATES

From reports of apiarists living in above mentioned States, one is led to wonder at the phenomenal yields of honey harvested last season. Dr. Miller from 124 colonies spring count, secured over 20,000 sections and increased to 284.

Many other bee-keepers report an average of from 150 to 300 pounds per colony with an abnormal increase. White clover bloomed continually and yielded surplus up to September.

Dr. Miller says he never expects to see another crop like it again—unless it be this coming season, as the great carpet of white clover has been covered over with snow since early winter.

Our wish is that the Dr. may have many good crops again, they have not always had good crops in that section of country.

#### SUGAR HONEY

A firm of honey dealers in San Francisco, report arrival at that port of 121 cases of honey from the Hawaiian Islands. They say the bees of the island feed mainly upon the sugar cane. Talk of "Beekeepers Paradises" Hawaii must surely be one, just turn the bees loose on the sugar cane. No failure of crops there.

#### SWEET CLOVER AGAIN

"It (sweet clover) is really one of the hardiest and most valuable of all the clovers." (Editorial comment A. I. Root.)

The first named quality admitted by all: the second, diputed by a great majority. In connection with this matter, Water S. Pouder, the well-known supply man of Indianapolis, says: I have been guilty of carrying the seed in my pocket and scattering it in waste places and others have done likewise till it has increased wonderfully. We have wished for sweet clover and now we have it." Now for results, "Blooming as it does at the same time as our white clover, and being inferior in quality, it has greatly lessened the value of our white clover crop in Central Indiana and Southern Ohio this year. It is inferior in taste, in color and in thickness; in color it is of a greenish tinge. I have known but two seasons in thirty when it yielded a surplus in this part of the country."

Commenting on Mr. Pouder's remarks, the outspoken Mr. Hasty in A. B. J. offers the following: "Some years ago a Western beeman owned up to scattering sweet clover seed, and now Mr. Pouder confesses also. Two guilty parties eh? But when he tells of the poor flavored honey etc, it reminds me of the old saying. They used to say that the sinner would work harder to get to the bad place, than the saint works to get to Glory. Does that about fit us? Haven't we been sewing ourselves out of pocket? And might not we profitably quit our meanness? The rest of mankind are pretty nearly unanimous against sweet clover, and indignant against those who spread it. How came so small a section of the race as we 'uns to have all the wisdom?"

A short time ago we had information to the effect that a Canadian company was conducting experiments as to the value of the fibre of sweet clover for making binder twine. Hope experiments prove successful.