

SELECTIONS.

FOUL BROOD LEGISLATION.

M. E. ANDERSON.—I have read the Bill relating to the Foul Brood as it appeared in the JOURNAL, and from the way it is got up there will certainly have to be some rules made by the Bee Keepers' Association before it is perfect. For instance, where there are bee-trees in the woods, the owner of the woods should be notified to cut them, where they are known; the inspector should have the privilege of transferring box hives himself, etc.

Ballantrae, Ont. March 24, 1890.

You will observe that the Bill gives the Directors of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association power to make such rules and regulations as they may think desirable, and suggestions such as yours will tend to assist them. Another point which will be the question which will require consideration will be: the question of the payment of the Inspector, on his second visit to examine, and give a "certificate of health," if the bees are found all right, and free from the disease. If he finds on his first visit to an apiary that the diseased colonies can be readily cured, and the owner anxious to attempt a cure rather than have the bees destroyed, he will give the necessary instructions, and will leave the case in the hands of the owner. The Bill places the owner under a ban, and prohibits (clause 6) the sale of bees, etc., without authorization from the Inspector. The Inspector, whoever he may be, will scarcely think of furnishing the certificate asked for without a personal examination. The question then arises, who should pay for the second trip of the Inspector?

ITALIANISING.

JOHN S. DENT.—If I destroy all the drones in my present colonies (Blacks) do you think my premium queen will get fertilized from the drones in the nucleus you are to send me; that is, would it be safe to do so, and try it?

Cowansville, Jan. 1890.

We can put in enough drones in the nucleus we are to send you, so that the queen would stand a fair chance of being fertilized by them, but there is always a risk to run in a locality where there are so many black drones about. By getting a number of unfertilized queens, and introducing them to the

various colonies, you would have a preponderance of pure drones the second season, and if you then get a number of virgin Italian queens the second year you will then have pure bees. You could rear Italian virgin queens then and give them to your neighbors who have black bees; this would give them pure drones the second season, and your entire neighborhood would thus be freed from black bees.

HOW TO WRITE REPORTS.

ROBERT COVERDALE.—I have taken the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL since its first issue, and I like it well; it gives me a great deal of information, and I renew with pleasure. We have 45 colonies now, all wintering well. Took 600 lbs of honey last year.

Canfield, Ont., March 20, 1890.

It is a pity you do not give the number of colonies you commenced the season of 1889 with. From the data you give, no one can estimate what your actual season's work was. You may have had but very few colonies, and a large increase, in which case you would have received credit for a better season than we can now think of giving you. We mention this for the sake of others who send reports just like yours.

CARNIOLANS VS. OTHER BEES.

W. McL.—As regards honey gathering qualities and quietness when handled, how does the Carniolian bee compare with the Italian?

They are quieter and less liable to sting but are not as ambitious in honey-gathering as the best Italians.

FULL SHEETS VS. STARTERS OF FOUNDATION.

Is it advisable to use full sheets of foundation in brood chamber when hiving swarms, or merely place strips of foundation on brood frames thus satisfying the natural propensity of bees for comb-building.

Victoria, B. C., March 26, 1890.

It depends solely upon what you run your bees for. If you want comb or extracted honey from the second story you would perhaps get more by giving only strips of foundation in the brood chamber, that is, providing honey is coming in freely. It is even more desirable where comb honey is worked for, as it causes the bees to go into the sections more readily.

* * Please send us the names of your neighbors who keep bees, that we may forward copies of the BEE JOURNAL to them. A postal card and five minutes time will do it.