

thing out of them, on account of the Florida oranges being frozen.

I might just say a word to those who think of coming out here for their health. This is no doubt a fine place for people with lung trouble, or almost any disease, but you want to get into the right place when coming here. Some places it is very foggy, and in such a place you might be worse than where you are; but if you get in some place pretty well back from the ocean and up near some Foot Hill, you will be all right. People who come here sick live to be old; those who come here well have to be killed when they get old, so they say.

You will hear people say that the fruit in California is not as fine as it is in the east. That is not so. The apples and peaches are not as fine here as they are in the east, but most all other fruit cannot be beaten, of which there is almost an endless variety. They raise hay here with a vengeance. They grow with irrigation from seven to ten tons of alfalfa to the acre in one season, and they get from \$12 to \$15 a ton for it.

My Method of Management.

(J. F. Dunn.)

You think that it is about time that the promise I gave you at the Toronto Exhibition, to write something for your journal, was redeemed, and I think you are right, although I am not sure that I can give anything that will be of interest to your readers.

For the last three seasons I have run my bees for extracted honey and it is possible that it might be of interest to let you know what has brought about the change. You will remember that a few years ago I made a specialty of comb honey. I then kept all my bees in the village, and in a good year could by close attention, secure 100 pounds per colony in this locality. In 1883 I tried a few colonies for extracted and was so well pleased with the result that I finally adopted the plan of placing comb honey supers on all my strong colonies on the advent of the clover bloom, and all that went into the sections readily were run for comb. Colonies that showed a disposition to refuse to enter the sections were at once given a full set of extracting combs above a queen excluding honey board, first removing the section case. In this way I got all my bees to work without any tinkering or forcing into sections, and my crop would usually be about one-half comb and one-half ex-

tracted honey. About four years ago a good deal of the basswood in this locality was cut and I began to look about for a location for an "out apiary" and have for several seasons had my bees on a farm at Black Creek, seven miles from this town. Within a radius of about one mile from my bees there is 160 acres of Alsike clover, and I think it would be very hard to find a better locality, especially for the clover flow, and the fall forage is not by any means bad. I use the tiering up system, extracting when the honey is ripened, afterward putting it into tin tanks holding about 500 pounds, which are placed near a hot gas fire. (we are in the natural gas belt) and when the honey is very thick we are ready to sell it to our customers. We sell only the clover and light colored honey. Buckwheat and other fall honey is fed back to the bees or made into vinegar. Buckwheat honey, we are quite satisfied, is good when properly ripened, for winter stores. We winter principally on summer stands in double walled hives, although some of our colonies are in single walled hives with a thin outer winter case with two inches of clover chaff between walls and about eight on top. We used to have an absorbent cushion directly over the cluster, but now prefer a cloth of some kind (woolen preferred) over the top of brood chamber, several thicknesses of newspaper over that and the packing on top. About one-half of the colonies in the packing cases have the honey board placed directly on the brood chamber, several thicknesses of paper on the board and the packing above that. I have long been of the opinion that I will know more about it after this very cold winter.

Ridgeway, Ont.

Please accept my congratulations on the state of perfection to which you have succeeded in bringing the C. B. J. Really I do not see much if any room for improvement. To my mind it is all that could be desired in the way of a Bee Journal, a first-class journal in every respect.

C. BOYD,
Petrolea.

We are going to have a very early season. Bees are gathering pollen now. We have had no winter and bees are in a fine condition and it looks as if we were going to get a chance to make up what we lost last year.

J. S. SMITH,
Chilliwack, B.C., Feb'y 26, 1895.