

Another practice with a newly-hived swarm is to substitute two frames on either side of the brood chamber for dummies, so as to contract the brood-chamber and get the bees working in the sections above. Late in the season six dummies, or three on either side, are inserted, but it requires the judgment of an experienced bee-master to manipulate these nice points.

Regarding the capture of swarms, Mr. Pettit always keeps his queens clipped, so that they are not able to take flight with the swarm, but commonly fall on the ground in front of the hive. She is picked up and placed in a cage which is placed in the entrance of a new hive, which takes the place of the old one, which is moved about two feet back and left there about six days. As soon as the issuing swarm find their queen is not with them they return to the old stand, but new hive, find their queen, and at once proceed to occupy the hive. Some of these ingenious methods may be used in general practice, but not a few of the most valued of them originated with Mr. Pettit, who delights in giving to the bee-keeping world the benefits of his experience and invention.

Bee-Keeping in Australia.

We have had a good season. I commenced extracting the first of September, with 44 colonies. The spring opened out well. There were two months of hot weather in midsummer, which slackened work for a time. I finished extracting the first of April; increased my apiary to 75 colonies, and extracted 19,300 lbs. honey and 180 lbs. wax. I sell my honey at from 3 to 3½ pence per pound. I make my own hives, with thirteen bars in the bottom and twelve in the top; all full-size Langstroth, with queen excluder between top and bottom. I place my hives on bricks on the ground, and do not require to move them at any time of the year. My bees have been working very well during the winter. I expect to extract about a ton of honey in the spring, (about the middle of August).

There is every prospect of another good season. If you can send queens to Australia and guarantee safe delivery, please send me two young tested queens by return mail. I leave the choice to you; I want good honey-gathering bees. The most of the hives and frames used are imported from America. I find the im-

ported hives too small for my district, as small hives increase swarming.

Geo. F. BRAY,

New South Wales,
Australia.

July 1st, 1898.

Kind Words from Customers.

The queens I received from you last year have proved very satisfactory, and their daughters are second to none in my apiary.
Belmont, July 2nd, 1898. S. T. Pettit.

Your goods are the best I ever had.
Bobcaygeon, July 30th, 1898. J. D. Oliver.

Queens arrived safely; they were introduced in about 14 hours. Your cages are complete—the best I have ever seen.
South Augusta, Ont., July 23, '98. Lt.-Col. Checkley.

Now that they are filled, I like the new sections much better than the old style with closed corners. The bees fill them much better, and they look nicer.
Lorraine, Ont., July 23rd, 1898. Thos. Christian.

Comb foundation received; I am well satisfied with it.
Clinton, Ont. J. H. Dodd.

I have seen quite a lot of different makes of hives, and have bought hives from the American side, but yours are the best and handiest I have seen yet.
Leeds, Ont. George Guild.

I received the goods in excellent condition. The foundation is first-class.
Clarence, Ont., June 15th, 1898. George Clark.

The hives I got from you, through Mr. Corbet, are the finest hives I have ever seen.
Wolfe Island, July 18, 1898. W. G. Woodman.

This make (the Weed) of foundation I know does not sag like other makes, but yet very hot spell will bring down anything in the comb line, so send me a 1-lb. spool of tinned wire.
Poole, Ont., June 23rd, 1898. D. Chalmers.

The goods are in very good shape. The section foundation is very nice.
Essex, Ont., June 30th, 1898. N. H. Burke.

My neighbors think the foundation from Goid, Shapley & Muir Co. is so much nicer than that from other places, they want me to sell them some of mine. Can you supply more?
Perth Co., Ont., July 1st, 1898. Christian Rossman.

Comb foundation received in excellent condition. It is of excellent quality. Please accept thanks for promptness.
Richview, June 29, 1898. Thos. Ramage.

Your extractor honey knife and perforated metal to hand. I am well pleased with the goods and the way they were shipped.

Northumberland, Ont., July 18, '98. Alfred Bedoe.

We buy your goods not because they are the cheapest, but the best.
Pleasant Vale, New Brunswick. Colpitt Bros.

The bees received. I am more than satisfied with them. The quality and quantity are satisfactory. They swarmed on Saturday. You do as you advise, and no mistake.
Dundas, June 6th, 1898. David Towns.