

## SELECTIONS.

## A Good Report.

**JOHN CREIGHTON**.—Some time ago I duly received your bee queen, with thanks, and always intended writing you but some how have not found it convenient till now, however, though late, I thank you very much. By some means or other, to me unknown, one of my hives had become queenless, and did not notice till robbers were busy with it. I took out all the frames but there was neither queen nor brood, and as your queen came along at the time I put her right in and the bees at once took quite kindly to her, and now have quite a good colony, which but for the arrival of your queen would have been lost—would like well to know what breed the queen is off, Carniolan, or what, my others are Italians and Holy Land crossed, received from Pringle, of Selby. Could you mention in next issue of BEE JOURNAL, if not asking too much I had four in the spring here having sent all the others to my son in Valleyfield, P. Q. last fall, these four have given me 10 swarms, so now there are 14 all in good condition and still busy at work. This is a good place for honey but price low. Farmers go peddling round selling 1-lb. sections to all and sundry for 16 cts. each. I have taken off this summer 432 of your half pound sections, and disposed of most of it at 15cts per lb. section included. From the four old colonies I took out both outside frames, and put in empty ones full to the bottom, and sold of strained honey from these 40 lbs., besides keeping some for household use unweighed—it was very pure and I got 11 cts. per lb. for this. I have still some 6 crates of sections on the colonies, some of which I expect will be filled by next week, so that on the whole I think that my bees have done well by me.

We did not keep a record of each queen bee sent out to know exactly from what source it came, but we think that the one sent you is a cross between a Carniolan and Italian. It is really a matter to be regretted that so many bee-keepers will sell their honey at such ridiculous prices. Eventually we hope they will become sensible to the fact that they are acting foolishly, and will stop such practices.

## PACKING IN CHAFF.

**P. BREWMAN**.—Would you please let me know what quantity of chaff could be put over bees without hurting them.

Lakeside, August 30th, 1890.

As long as you give them free access outside by a tube from the entrance so they will get plenty of fresh air, it would not matter how much you put on them, Perhaps the more the better and pack

it tight around the hives, loose chaff especially on top allows the heat to escape, while if it is pressed fairly tight retains it much better, the finer the chaff the better. We think clover chaff preferable to even wheat. We would say from one to two feet would be all that is necessary. Six inches give good results.

## A FAILURE.

**A. BEEHTEL**.—I beg to inform you that bee-keeping has been a failure here this season, no surplus but a little from clover, basswood being a total failure. Some have no honey at all, and if the weather continues as hot and dry as it has been, some bees will starve here if not fed. I had 32 old colonies, and increased to 50; besides four I sold. I only got 1450 lbs. of extracted honey, and got no comb honey. Who pays for the foul brood inspector to go his rounds. I would like for him to come this way as there seems to be something wrong among the bees.

Port Elgin, August 13th. 1890.

Why, friend Beehtel, you haven't anything much to fret over. Your average is about 45 lbs per colony, and in this you are away ahead of those in many other districts. If you have reason to believe that there is foul brood in your vicinity you should take steps to ascertain for a certainty that it does exist, and then notify the President of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association. Mr. Allan Pringle, of Selby, Ont., who will, if he is satisfied there is a necessity for it, send the inspector at the expense of the Association, which in turn receives a grant from the Government.

## THE MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

Prof. A. J. Cook sends out the following letter, which our readers who live contiguous to Detroit, will do well to bear in mind.

I wish to call attention early to the next meeting of our Michigan State Bee-keepers' Association, which is to be held in the city of Detroit, on Thursday, January 1, 1891. It will be remembered what a grand meeting the National Bee-Keepers' Society had in Detroit. We hope that this will be "a close second" in interest and profit. It is held on New Year's Day, so all may get one-half rates on the rail roads. It is hoped and expected that there will be a large attendance from Ontario, Ohio, New York, Indiana, and other States. Let all plan in advance to be there, prepared to take a part.

A. J. Cook, Pres.

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