

LATE SWARMING

BY GEO. WOOD.

Mr. Selwyn, in November JOURNAL, speaks of his experience with swarming in August, and asks, "Has any one else experienced the same trouble?" Yes, I, for one, have. Mine continued swarming up to Sunday, September 1st, on which date two prime swarms issued, headed by laying queens of this season's rearing. And yet, owing to "catchy" weather, honey was only coming in barely enough to keep the bees going.

Most of my bees were in ten-frame hives, but that made no difference. Swarms issued from them fully as much as from the smaller ones. Like Mr. Selwyn, "I should think it would go hard with the man who has large out-yards," only that, as I understand, it is only in good clover districts where the keeping of out-yards is either profitable or possible. Here we usually have more or less of a flow from fall flowers, but not much from clover. This is not a clover district, but a "timothy" district—that is, the farmers here, instead of growing alsike clover for hay, pasture or seed, grow timothy, with a sprinkling of red clover, for hay, to be pressed for export. Consequently there is never a rush from clover. Thirty pounds of surplus is a good return here; 20 or 25 is nearer the average. Fifty pounds surplus from all sources is about the yearly average, about half or a little less being from clover, and this "dribbling" in for two or three months seems to cause the maximum amount of swarming, a large percentage of which comes early in August. This year it was rather less than usual during the clover season, but abnormal all through August. For the munificent returns of thirty pounds per colony from all sources I had to contend with swarms more or less for three months.

We read and hear of many systems

of swarm control and prevention, which in the hands of some are successful, but, in my experience, not in this locality.

Wesley, Ont.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Editor,

THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL,
Brantford, Ont.

DEAR SIR: We are in receipt of yours of the 1st instant, enclosing galley proof of an article which you are printing in THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

In reply, we would say that we think Mr. Laing is confusing the two departments, viz., the Manufacturers' section and the Prize List section. The one is an exhibit for competition for prizes only, the other is a sales right, and it was decided by our Board that, as the selling of honey was a nuisance on account of the dirt and mess it made about the building, we would cut it out altogether this year, and each of the honey-producers who had made entries were so notified.

The honey this year was again exhibited in the Horticultural Building, from which it was removed three years ago on account of the mess which the selling of honey created.

No sale right was granted to any exhibitor in the Honey Section.

We enclose a copy of a letter which was mailed to Mr. Laing on August 12th.

Yours truly,

JOHN G. KENT, *President.*

Toronto, Nov. 14, 1912.

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August 12th, 1912.

ARTHUR LAING, ESQ.,

Simcoe, Ont.

DEAR SIR: It has been decided by our Board to place the Honey Exhibits this year in the Horticultural Building.

The exhibit must consist only of honey entered for competition; no selling will be allowed. If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, kindly let us know by return, and we will reserve a space for your exhibit.

Yours truly,

J. O. ORR,

Manager and Secretary.

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