

tainly I would keep on plenty of surplus room.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—If the bees would fill them, I'd put on 17 stories and use guy ropes to keep them from blowing over.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, VT.—Not knowing anything of the locality and surroundings, or experience of the party, I cannot answer. In my own case I should use upper storys.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—Never having the pleasure of an acquaintance with the "Jones" hive I cannot say. But with the hive we use tier up (excuse me, "storey") two or three high.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Yes. Also let them swarm. Catch and kill queen, and before swarm returns or before eight days pass destroy all but one queen cell—the best. This is a good way. Of course the queen's wing is clipped, or must be.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—Yes, if you want extracted honey. If comb honey is the object I would supply plenty of sections just before they get the swarming fever. If properly managed they do not *all* swarm with me, but when I do get one it is a large one. Then I try to prevent all after swarms.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—This is a question for bee-masters instead of bee-keepers. I have come to the conclusion that I can get more honey by letting the bees swarm than by trying to prevent them. Have had very little experience in storyfying to prevent swarming, and what little I did try did not prevent worth a cent.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANSBURG, KY.—Yes, tier up the hives as fast as the bees can utilize the room. First put on one story, and when it is pretty well filled with unsealed honey, raise it and put another under it. If you keep this up, doing it at the right time, you will have but few swarms except when the queens are old or otherwise unsatisfactory to the bees. In these cases nothing will hinder swarming.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—If you have have all the colonies you want I would advise you to tier up your top storys, and do not be too slow in putting them on or you will get swarms where you do not expect them. I now work about one-half my bees for extracted honey and during the last three seasons almost entirely prevented swarming by adding top

storys at the right time. To tell just when the right time is would take more space than I feel warranted in taking up in this department.

WM. McEVROY, WOODBURN, ONT.—Yes. When second story is nearly full raise it up and put another one in between. You will find it a good plan if you try it, as it will let you go on with your other work in the honey season, and in the all you will find the second and third storys full of sealed honey, which will be so dead ripe that it will be very choice in flavor, that is, if the colonies have been good ones and the season an average one. In the fall save out six combs of solid sealed honey and with division board crowd your bees on these six combs of solid sealed honey, which will be plenty for your bees to winter on. All the rest of the combs you will take into a very warm room and spread apart in racks for the purpose. After they have been in the room about eight hours you can extract the honey. If done in September eight hours will do, if later, longer time.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS, ONT.—I prefer a larger hive, and extracting, than to having a second story the height of Jones hive. If you use a second one-half or one-third the height of Jones hive you would prevent increase to a limited extent. Give the bees all the room you can, but keep the queen in subjection (on say not more than eight frames after June 1st) and if they swarm then, why just let them do so, and confine the queen still more—or else the one to take her place in the old hive—and then unite in the fall. In uniting in the fall it is better to remove the bees and queen from the swarm, as any honey in the hive has been all gathered since swarming time, and the queen is the older one.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

M. EMICH.—Bees have wintered nicely so far. Holbrook, April 5th, 1899

R. KNECHTEL.—Your present "papers" are a good feature. They have the impress of experience and good judgment. Walton, Ont., April 1st 1899.

ARTHUR WILSON.—We have had fine weather nearly all this month. The bees have been flying most all the time and have been carrying in pollen for about a week and soft maple is all in bloom now.

Essex Centre, Mar. 28th 1899.

HOPE SPRINGS, ILLINOIS.

GEO. F. BRACH.—Bees are wintering well thus far. I have 42 swarms in the cellar all