

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—I have never used oil cloth as a quilt or covering for bees.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—(1) Enameled side next to bees. (2) No. I do not wish these in my apiary. I have tried and rejected them.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—(1) I use the finished or oil side next the bees. (2) I use a sawdust cushion over them.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—Always use the enameled or black side next to the bees. I use nothing else over the bees but the hive cover.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—Oiled side next bees. At any time when supers are not on, I prefer a cushion of some kind over the oil cloth.

O. O. POPPLETON, HAWK'S PARK, FLORIDA.—I do not use quilts, so cannot answer that part of the question, but the more experience I had in an extreme northern location, the more value I attached to using cover of some kind for warmth.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—I have never used oil cloth for quilt, but presume the side not oiled is intended to be next the bees. In summer I should say not, if the cover is a flat one.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—(1) Have only used a few of these quilts. I put the enameled side next the bees. (2) Would also prefer extra quilts or packing for spring until about the middle of June.

HONEY AND CHEESE.

QUERY No. 157.—What price should extracted honey bring, to be equal with prices realized for cheese during the past four or five years, placing the latter at eight and a half cents after deduction of cost of manufacturing?

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—Don't know.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I know nothing about the manufacture or cost of production of cheese.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—I could not say, but do not think it will pay bee-keepers to sell their honey for less than 10c. wholesale.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I am afraid bee-keepers are not well enough posted in the cheese business to answer.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—I can only answer for myself. I would as soon raise honey at six as cheese at eight cents per pound.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—I should say what it brings in same market. The same laws govern in fixing price of all our commodities.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—The lately honey kept about the price of butter, now it is much lower. Should think honey ought to be equal cheese as to price, to pay same profit.

O. O. POPPLETON, HAWK'S PARK, FLORIDA.—I think extracted honey can be raised for two-thirds the nett price of cheese, but I don't think cheese averages $8\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per lb. above cost of manufacture.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—This is beyond my calculating capacity, but speaking generally our cheese-making friend will find as much money pound for pound in cheese as honey, especially if he understands the former. In ten years he will be quite as well off, I venture to affirm, by making cheese.

VALUE OF BEES IN SPRING.

QUERY No. 158.—If a colony of bees were worth \$6.00 in the fall, what price should be placed on them in the spring?

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—\$8.00.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—\$8.00.

O. O. POPPLETON, HAWKS PARK, FLA.—About \$8.00.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—\$10.00, but it would depend on location.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—\$9.00 or \$10.00 if large and strong.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—I should say about seven to cover loss and trouble.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—Ought to be worth from one to two dollars more.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—That depends. In some seasons and places \$12.00, some \$7.00.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—If said colony has been put in proper shape for wintering they should be worth about \$8.00 in spring, but if they have still to be fed add to this also the price of the feed, etc.

BEST BEES FOR EXTRACTED HONEY.

QUERY No. 159.—What race of bees is now considered the best for extracted honey? Those who cannot give an unbiased opinion need not answer.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—I pass.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—Italians, for me.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Italians, by G. M. Doolittle.