

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

Good Season in Michigan.

AND WITH AN APIARY OF BLACKS.

IN making my report for two seasons I wish to state that I am located in the centre of the "Thumb" of Michigan. (A report is of no value to me unless the location of the writer is given.) The season of '87 the weather was the same as in Ontario, judging from the JOURNAL, while this season it appears to be altogether different in the two localities. The season opened two weeks later than last year. My first swarm was thrown off the 16th of June. About the middle of July the drouth was so extremely bad that even our hay crop was a failure. The prospects were that the season would be worse than last year. Towards the last of the month we began to have an abundance of rain and bees have been rushing ever since. The season of '84 I started with three colonies of black bees and they are black yet. You have published my wintering report up to last winter. I started the season of '87 with 18 good colonies and they increased up to 40 and had 900 lbs. of comb honey. My 22 new colonies were rather poor in the fall and did not fill out well. I should have united them but I did not but I wintered them in the cellar successfully with the exception of two weak colonies which were overpowered by mice and two were robbed after they were taken to the stand. Twenty-eight of my colonies averaged fair, the remaining eight have benefitted me very little this season. Both seasons I have run them for comb honey, using the Hutchinson method and swarming on empty frames, and I wish to state right here that I have not been troubled with a particle of drone comb. I give my bees plenty of room, 10 L frames to the hive. Mark the result, I had only seven new swarms. To prevent after-swarming I practised Allen Pringle's method very rigidly. My greatest fears always were too much swarming, but I now feel that I have the subject under control. Now for the results:

I took from the bees

July 28.....	1300 lbs clover honey
Aug. 25.....	420 lbs dark honey
Aug. 27.....	360 lbs dark honey
Aug. 28.....	56 lbs. dark honey
Sep. 2.....	784 lbs. dark honey

Total 2910

And there is about 200 pounds more that I shall take off. I got out of sections and my bees were so strong that I set a hive of brood frames over them; they are still gathering honey from the buckwheat. The above report is all in one pound sections. One item I came very near

forgetting. July 4th my family went to the celebration while I stayed at home to watch the bees. I fell asleep on the porch, and awakened just in time to see a swarm leave a tree and start for the woods and were lost. I never have mentioned it before. I cherish a kindly feeling for the JOURNAL and its contributors, especially Allen Pringle.

JOHN DEITZ.

Ellington, Mich., Sept. 9.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

North American Convention.

THE North American Beekeepers' Society will hold its annual meeting Oct. 3rd, 4th and 5th, in the Representatives' Hall at the Capitol in Columbus, Ohio. The Passenger Traffic Association will grant reduced rates only when 100 persons are present, holding railroad certificates.

Owing to the short honey crop it is feared that a sufficient number of persons will not be present holding certificates, and that an attempt on the part of the Society to avail itself of the reduced rates offered by the Passenger Traffic Association will only result in disappointment, hence it has been decided that the only course open will be to allow each man to shift for himself—to either take advantage of such excursion rates as may be available in his vicinity, buy round trip tickets, or something of the sort.

W. Z. HUTCHINSON,
Sec. N.A.B.K.S.

Centennial Exposition Grounds,
Columbus, O., Sept. 3, 1888.

MESSEURS. EDITORS.—Please say in the next issue of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL that, as yet, it has been impossible to secure reduced rates at hotels for those in attendance at the next meeting of the N.A.B.K. Society, but that if those in attendance will report to me at the place of meeting in the House of Representatives in the State house at any time after 10 o'clock a.m., October 3rd, I will try and be able to tell them where such entertainment can be secured as will best suit their tastes and purses.

Very truly yours,

A. B. MASON.

From the British Bee Journal.

RECOGNITION BY BEES.

DOT long ago we had the interesting subject of the vocal organs of bees discussed, and now, let us leave the speaking and hearing senses of bees on one side, powerful but silent factors though they be, and used though they be to some extent as aids in recognition