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ers' Asso., Ontario.

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The Question Drawer.

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Mr Craig : What about their swarming propensities? (Carniolan bees.)

Mr. Hall : Just as good as others, and no worse.

Mr. Shaver : Mr. Hall clips the queens; I know of two different apiaries where they have them and they complain terribly of their swarming.

Mr. Post : My experience has been almost identical with Mr. Hall's, with the exception that I have never had any poor ones. They are the best race of bees I ever handled.

This was one of the poorest years we ever had, we secured between three and four tons of buckwheat honey. The whole amount was secured by the Carniolan bees placed promiscuously in the yard along with Italian hybrids. Many of the Italians require feeding and they were fed withombs taken from the Carniolans.

They will beat any bee I ever had in wintering and in building up in the spring, and they are no more likely to swarm than any other bee, in my experience, but you will make a mis-

take if you put them in a small hive. Give them plenty of room. I believe in a large hive. My hive is equal to eleven Langstroth frames. Through the fore part of the season till about 14th June, I allow the Queen one top storey and the bottom storey—that makes 16 plus 8, equals a capacity of over 19 Langstroth frames. As soon as the queen begins to lay a little above I raise the top storey and place another one under and place the Queen excluder below.

Q. Bees going out at entrance of hive hanging around on entrance board, as if chilled with cold and wings all in a quiver—what is the cause?

Mr. Pickett : I have not had a case of this kind and cannot answer. I presume it must be paralysis. There is one thing lacking; the question does not say at what season of the year.

Mr. Dickson : I asked the question and would like an answer to it. It was in the month of May. Two good colonies of bees came out on the entrance, and just acted as if they were put out too early, and were all in a flutter.

Mr. Hall : Were they dark-colored—shiny?

Mr. Dickson : No; there was nothing special in their looks; they did not seem to live long. Each morning I would sweep the entrance board and there would possibly be from half a