

receives the assurance cheerfully reciprocated." In the manner of the replies are obtained, as they have received, a very careful calculation of the honey crop. Position they will reply to the card, in a manner as follows:

Summing up our various honey crop that there has been a lack of honey, and prices will be easy. We will be the quantity you offer, but try for you to come down. Kindly let us know the price we will take for the lot. Quantity offered at a much better price than your quotation. Yours,

the nature of the reciprocity (from past years), for the present at your own expense they sent a card for they are economizing and depend upon the bee-keepers. A brief calculation of what

It is stated by our Agent that there are 5,000 hives in Ontario. Let us assume that only one-half of them are five hundred official post \$25. They suppose, of course, that no bee-keeper is willing to refuse to spend one cent. Thus they will get value as to crop conditions from the very men whose interest is to withhold any information just such information, free of postage, too! Our readers is to withhold any request, at least until after the committee makes its report, no hesitation in saying that in many hundreds of dollars of Ontario if this

Mr. Isaac Balmer, of Burlington, is the proud possessor of a large automobile, and enjoys the unique distinction of being the first Canadian bee-keeper to make use of this machine for going to and from his out apiaries. On Sunday, 19th June, we had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Balmer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McEvoy and one of their sons. The party left Brantford about 12 o'clock p.m., and made the run of about thirty-five miles in quick time without mishap. Mr. Balmer has gone very extensively into bees, and is confident that the investment will pay him. He can make quick time between his yards, carrying all his supplies back and forth. By the removal of the top and the substitution of a platform at the rear, he is able to carry quite a load. The visit was a very enjoyable one, and he promised to repeat it. When the Canadian Bee Journal reaches the ten thousand subscription mark, our readers may expect a similar call from ourselves. In the meantime we must be satisfied with short-distance walking—but we have great hopes.

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Referring to our objection to the twelve-frame hives, the American Bee Journal says:

"R. F. Holtermann and the Canadian Bee Journal are not agreed as to the size of hives. Mr. Holtermann says that 'a large hive (a 12-frame Langstroth) is much better than an 8-frame.' Editor Hurley says:

"We do not hesitate to take issue with Mr. Holtermann in this statement. The 12-frame is too large to winter in; it is too large for spring; it is too large for fall. There is, in our opinion, too much 'barn' room for the bees to keep at the necessary temperature."

"There is just a possibility that Mr. Holtermann might say: 'To be sure, a 12-frame is too large; but better have a hive too 'barny' than too small.' Possible, but not probable; and not at all probable that he will agree with Mr. Hurley when the latter says: 'We would not recommend anything larger than 9 or 10 frames.'"

'Possibly the friction between these two Canuck leaders may throw a spark of light on this vexed question.'

We do not like that last paragraph. It is a veiled insinuation that our objection to the twelve-frame hive is not sincere, and taken merely to be opposed to Mr. Holtermann. Does it occur to friend York that some of Mr. Holtermann's warmest friends are opposed to the twelve-frame hive? Gleanings is not in agreement with Mr. H. on the matter. As for friction, there is none. Mr. Holtermann and the writer are now good friends, and, we trust, may continue so. We would rather have had your opinion on the utility of the twelve-frame hive, than insinuations as to our motives.

Questions and Answers

BY THE EDITOR

TO MAKE RAPID INCREASE.

If you have a section devoted to answers to correspondents, would you kindly answer the following:

Am starting with one hive from which I want to increase as rapidly as possible, regardless of honey result. I wish to introduce a good, tested, imported queen to the first hive I obtain. I also wish to obtain without swarming as I do not wish to risk losing swarm. Have to send away for the queen. Would it do to put queen in new hive upon arrival with a few frames of sealed brood with young bees upon it, from present hive, even though present hive is not building any queen cells.

If you could answer direct it might save me much time. Addressed envelope enclosed.

I. C. CAMPBELL.

[It will be an easy matter for you to increase along the lines which you suggest. If your hive is a good strong one, it is possible for you to increase it to three, provided you had two queens