

RE-QUEENING AND FITTING-UP WELL BKINGS. BIG PROFITS

Over seventy-five per cent of the bees in our Province died before June, through poor stores, starvation, old queens, and "spring dwindling."

Spring dwindling is always in proportion to the amount of fall neglect. On my rounds I urged the beekeepers to requeen every colony that had an old one, and to fit up all with the very best of stores for winter. After inspecting combs of brood in many apiaries, and seeing the poor work done, I asked the owners to requeen every colony with well-bred Italians. Colonies with young queens continue brood rearing later in the season, and go into winter with MORE YOUNG BEES, come into spring stronger, dwindle less and build up faster and gather more honey. Fully ninety per cent of all the queens in Ontario should be wiped out for better ones. In the fore part of the season I found more or less starved brood in every hive that I took a comb of brood out of except my own. The combs in many colonies were in a horrid state with decaying brood which had died for want of food. Between dwindling and STARVED brood very many colonies came very near going down, and out. It took time to work these colonies up, remove the queens, and introduce young queens, but it has all been done, and to-day these are among the best in the Province.

WM. McEVoy.

Our good friend McEvoy has come to our aid with a little nut full of good meat. He does not

believe in having any old women around. He is determined to make the old lady do her duty, her whole duty, and nothing but her duty. He forces her queenship to the utmost, and then passes her along. He is wise in his day and generation, and his methods have brought him good returns. He has some more nats which we are determined to crack before the year is out. This is the penalty of being a big man in Breedom.—Ed.

LIMERICK COMPETITION

Cash for Mail and Empire Readers.

The success of the Limerick Competition, which has been running for the past few weeks in the Toronto Mail and Empire, has been so phenomenal that they have decided to raise the amount of prize money in the contest, which commenced Friday, Sept. 27, to \$100.00. The person who sends in the best suggestion for the last line of the incomplete Limerick will receive \$30.00. The other prizes are as follows: the second, \$20.00; the third and fourth, \$10.00 each; the fifth and sixth, \$5.00; and ten consolation prizes at \$2.00 each. It is probable that these contests will be continued from week to week, and the conditions governing them will be found in both The Daily and Weekly Mail and Empire.

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