

for stocks. Increased to 55. I expect about 1000 pounds extracted and 300 pounds of comb honey will be my yield. Had the weather not been so wet the past two weeks of July this vicinity could have given a good report; the bees did extraordinarily well the first two weeks of clover bloom, giving us rosy prospects for the season, but it has almost the opposite look now, and here we are with our little average 40 lbs, yet fair colonies kept without increase, have given 100 pounds of extracted honey.

St. Foy, Quebec, Aug. 8.

Yours is the first report we have had of too much rain; as you will observe by looking over the reports.

MAPLE SYRUP AS FOOD FOR BEES.

J. D. MORRISON.—I have much pleasure in saying that I have found your JOURNAL a very valuable and most interesting book in regard to bee-keeping, it gives the best methods and information that is desired by all. I commenced in the spring of 1887 with one colony and this spring I put out six. All came out strong but one. They have increased to 16 and I extracted 120 pounds of honey. I work for increase this summer. They swarmed and would not stay in the new box and then we swarmed them into the old box and they wont stir out, but have worked with the others for six days. I do not know whether they will stay or swarm; will you kindly inform me? I would like to know if maple syrup is good for winter feeding. You will greatly oblige by answering in the next number.

Maple syrup would, we think, be too strong food, were there not other reasons why a syrup of the best granulated sugar and water were preferable. The latter comes much less expensive to the bee-keeper, and we know what results may be obtained, while in the former case we do not. It would not be a bad idea, however, to try it on one or two colonies and report results.

HIVING SWARMS WHEN THE QUEEN'S WINGS ARE CLIPPED.

Mrs. JAMES HAMILTON.—I want to tell you about the bees I got from you on 28th of last May. A fine swarm came off, one on the 22nd of June, and in three weeks they had the brood chamber full of brood and stores. On the 10th of July a swarm came from the other. The queen was clipped, and we did not know how to manage these so well, and a good many bees went back to the old hive. The swarm was small, but they have all the foundation drawn out, and nearly full of brood and stores. I have supers on the other three hives, but they do not put any honey in them. There seem to be great numbers of bees in the hives and they are working well. There is plenty of basswood, raspberry and Canada thistle. Now, what are they doing with the honey? All I have taken from them is two frames of sealed honey. How do you think they are doing? Will the queens

that I got from you do for next year? When hiving a swarm with a clipped queen should the old hive be moved to another stand and the new swarm put on the old stand? Are they likely to swarm again this year?

Ravenshoe, August 8, 1888.

The queens will do for another year, and we are pleased to note that your bees are giving you such satisfaction. We think, considering the unfavorable season, that you have reason to congratulate yourself, because you have certainly done better than many old bee-keepers. You say, "Where are they putting the honey?" If you have got three combs of sealed honey and four swarms from one, and all in good condition, you have done very well, in this the worst of all seasons within the recollection of man in Canada. Where they are storing their honey is just what we would like to know, or where nature is keeping it? In fact there has not been enough honey in the flowers until within the last two weeks to enable the bees to store any surplus, but they are doing splendidly now, and we will not be surprised if we have a good show of fall honey. Be sure that your new swarms are left enough honey to winter on, and if sufficient be not gathered you will need to feed them.

KIND WORDS.

CHAS. PENTON.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the colony of bees by express, which arrived in fine shape. They are the dearest little creatures I ever saw or handled. I have been out several times a day since I got them and scooped up a handful every time to examine. To one who has had years of experience and practise with black bees and hybrids, a bee that has some respect for you is appreciated. As I make only comb honey and detest gloves and masks there may be hope yet. If Italians such as these will make section honey nice enough for my city trade I will have to Italianize my yards next fall.

East Aurora, N. Y., Aug. 8.

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