

built out did not give me one finished section, while the other three gave me a case each, nearly every one of which was saleable and netted me over ten dollars. There was a little drone comb built, but not much. Earlier in the season the result might not have been so marked.

St. Catharines, Ont., Nov. 21, 1885

We make queen excluders or honey-boards of both wood and metal. The queen will not go up into the sections unless she is crowded for room as we make the honey-boards and they give better access to the sections above. We can just as easily make the slots narrower if it is necessary; it is difficult, however, to make wooden queen excluders equal to those made of perforated metal. Many who have tested the matter thoroughly have concluded that the latter are the cheaper and better. Among these we think we may count friends Heddon and Hutchinson; the latter's experiments in connection with the production of comb honey tend to prove that strips of foundation in brood chamber give better results than either full sheets of foundation or comb. His experiments are beneficial and to him we believe is due the credit of bringing this matter prominently before the bee-keeping public.

STRONG COLONIES FEEDING WEAK ONES.

D. McLAREN.—I am delighted with our CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, The most pleasing and interesting pastime I have is in reading it. You have such an able and willing staff of contributors from all parts of the continent and all experienced men that it is extremely edifying. Several of my neighbors get my journal after I have read it, this is their first summer's experience, I hope and expect that you will have them all subscribers another season. I have my bees all packed in chaff cribs for winter. I have put woollen quilts under the lids instead of cotton and linen as formerly. I got this hint from the C. B. J. I must tell you of something a little unusual which has twice occurred with my bees, I have not read of anything like it, if it has been published. I had a strong colony of black bees in the spring, and a weak colony of Italians was beside it, the black colony had an overplus of honey, the other was almost starving, the Italians went in and out of the black colony's hive

carrying honey away on three different days unmolested by the latter. After the honey flow commenced both colonies went to work and have done well. There was no fighting so I concluded the black fellows either lent or gave their yellow neighbors enough to bring them through, knowing they had enough and to spare. Probably they would not have allowed this in the fall. I expect this idea will be laughed and scoffed at by many who would not have allowed them to have had their own way to see what the result would have been.

Alliston, Ont., Nov. 4th, 1885.

We have never known a circumstance like the above to occur before, but suppose it is one of those freaks that bees take occasionally and which are sometimes hard to account for. We once knew a queen that would fly from one hive to another and be accepted wherever she went; if you were to open one hive and disturb her on the combs she would fly out and enter another; there happened at the time to be a number of queenless colonies in the yard, and they all appeared to accept her as she did duty laying profusely in several of them.

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The Convention report of the N. A. B. K. A. will take up considerable of our space for the next few weeks.

That many stocks have been put into winter quarters short of stores is evidenced by the fact that we are selling a large number of winter-feeders. A friend writes that the pulverized sugar we mentioned on page 563 is not obtainable in his section. Very often it is called "icing" sugar. If your grocer does not keep it, he can soon obtain it of any wholesale house, and he will no doubt be glad to do so if you intimate your desire to have it.

A customer who had bees for sale advertised in the columns of the JOURNAL, writes to the effect that his advt. has brought no returns, and naturally he questions the benefits of advertising. But our friend must bear in mind that if people won't buy we cannot make them. And, friends,