

HONEY FROM CAPPINGS.

And a Few Words in Favor of the Porter Bee Escapes.

(By William McEvoy, Woodburn.)

By careful work part of the honey from cappings can be secured in fine condition. My uncapping tank is a long one, and is lined up inside with tin. About eight inches from the bottom it has tin shoulders for a runged frame to rest on, and on this frame rests a tinned wire screen. When uncapping we shave the cappings off as thin as we can, and let them fall on the bare screen and keep moving them every few minutes to the end of the tank, so as not to have any cappings fall on top of other cappings to soak the travel stainings off into the honey. After a few hours draining all cappings are removed to the solar wax extractors and all honey from the solar wax extractors is saved for feeding with sugar syrup at the end of the honey season.

No matter by what plan cappings are melted into wax the heat and travel stain on the cappings will injure the honey.

By careful work I secured from the uncapping tank about 900 pounds of fine honey, and from the solar wax extractors about 600 lbs for feeding. After the honey has been extracted out of the combs we shave every comb down to scant seven-eighths of an inch, and by so doing get a little riper honey from these when built out, and capped than from thick combs that were not thinned down. The extra amount of wax that I get from the material shaved off these combs pays well for the little time spent in thinning them down. When this sizing or thinning of the combs is done during the honey flows the bees use their surplus wax, building them out as fast as they fill them, and I have always found these combs capped over as soon as any that were not thinned down.

Porter Bee Escapes.

The Porter Bee Escape is one of the

most valuable things ever brought into an apiary, and in robbing time should be used in every bee yard in the world. In August, 1893, I bought my first escapes from Mr. Porter, the inventor, and was much pleased with them, and when I wanted more I bought from Mr. Grainger, of Deer Park, Toronto.

A few years ago I had Mr. John West of Thornton go with me when inspecting apiaries in his locality. All went well until we came to where a farmer had left the honey on his colonies, until he finished harvest, and then in the middle of a very warm day in August, when his bees were not gathering any honey, this man took off super after super of nicely capped honey and carried it into the wood shed, which was a very open affair. When we drove up I never before saw such a wild raging storm of angry robber bees, which were rushing into the wood shed in the most wholesale manner, and causing the old gentleman, and his good wife, who were full of pluck, to do a good deal of nimble side-stepping, while trying to uncap the honey and extract it, with veils and mitts on. I sent the horse away a safe distance and promptly called off the fight, and told these people to cover all the honey, at once which they did. I then advised the old gentleman to send to Mr. Grainger, of Deer Park, Toronto, and get a dozen Porter Bee Escapes, and explained how to make the board and put in the escapes, and told them to extract in the house or in some tight room. Some years ago when I wanted the bees to rush out of the supers faster than they were doing I lifted every alternative comb up about two inches and let them down again. This moved nearly all the bees in the supers and caused them to rush through the escapes in about half the time that it took the others to go through that were not disturbed by lifting up the combs a little, and since then I lift part of the combs a little as soon as I put the escapes under.

Woodburn, Oct. 14, 1903

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