

honey went in supers, although the brood nests were made quite heavy. However, we are glad for the surplus at the one yard, as we find that there is enough honey there to pay for all sugar needed for the other yards and still leave enough money over to keep us in "beer and baccy" for the year to come.

\* \* \*

That item on the first page of the September C. B. J. re the amount of honey imported from the West Indies into Canada last year is a puzzler to me. One firm of manufacturers that I am well acquainted with use 100,000 pounds of honey in their business each year, and the manager of that same firm told me just a year ago that they were again getting all their honey from Jamaica as usual, as when they could get logwood honey laid down duty and freight prepaid for 7½ cents, needless to say, they would not pay the price asked for the Ontario product. The honey this firm imports alone would at five cents per pound amount to \$5000, and the item referred to says that the total value of honey imported from the West Indies last year was but £402 (\$1960). Then again, I know positively of another firm that imported a considerable amount of this honey and mixed it with Ontario clover honey, putting the mixture up in bottles for the grocery trade. Surely there must be a mistake somewhere in the "Weekly Report" from which the item was taken. [We are in communication with the Customs Department on the subject. Ed.]

#### "KEEP BETTER BEES."

Dear Sir:—I notice an article in the C. B. J. entitled, "Keep Better Bees." Now I think it would be a good thing for us all to try to keep better bees, but for my own part I am at a loss to know how to get at it. I have purchased forty new queens this season, of which some have proved to be good, and some no better than those I removed. I obtained

six from one breeder, but three of them were apparently virgins instead of mated queens, as I supposed them to be. I lost two of these, and one mated here with a black drone. I obtained nine from another breeder, and these proved to be fine, large queens. Now, I believe that what we want is a good queen-breeder in Ontario; then we could be pretty sure to get what we paid for and to get it on time, instead of having to wait five weeks, as I did for some. I am willing to pay a good price for good queens, but a good price for poor ones is another matter altogether. Now, why cannot a company be formed in the province by the bee-keepers for the purpose of importing and breeding the very best queens that can be had anywhere? Surely there is as good a chance here as there is in the U. S., and there are plenty of them there. We shall be wanting fifty or sixty next spring before June 15th, for we mean to weed out every black queen in the yard, even though some of them are good ones. They have, however, a habit of sitting down too hard and are not pleasant to handle in many ways. I have one hive that has not attempted to swarm once in three years, and has always given us a good supply of honey. Even this year it gave 120 pounds of white and 60 pounds of buckwheat, and never gets any feeding. But they are clinkers to fight! Yours truly, A. B. Jarratt.

[Our correspondent's letter raises several points of interest that we should be pleased to see discussed in these columns. Perhaps our readers will forward us their views on the matter.—Ed.]

According to the Leipziger Bienenzeitung, an effort is being made in Germany to obtain a simple, practical means of detecting adulteration of honey, and a sum of 1650 marks (about \$400) has been offered in payment for the discovery.

#### CHALMER'S OBSI

##### Inspection of

Let me ask, is the n (with the funds at our could be done in the w foul brood? My exper justify me in giving an swer, but it may be th within myself. I have s and taught the foul known as the McEvoy s every confidence in its have studied the bee-o it strikes me forcibly tha a great mistake in depen of them doing as advised believe that we shall ev brood, while the work o left in the hands of the amongst whose bees we

Allow me just to give tions. Beginning right a dicor neighbour owned Lees last year, one of wh foul brood when inspecte structions were given a bees were to be treated, following my advice, divided this diseased col yard where both Mess Alpaugh have found fou course, both advised thi proceed to cure them, an neither of those gentleme mend dividing a foul broo the colony were strong e Now this neighbour in when nectar was scarce, combs of these diseased them out of the hives at ing the bees off, extrac and returning the combs. ally to stand and examin a time after shaking the robbers could be seen floc This was going on unde and he was prosecuted fo spector's eyes are not in