

after-swarms, were followed, but did not prove successful in all cases this year. The few second swarms that did issue were hived with the respective first swarms and the old colony broken up and united with other colonies.

During swarming time it frequently happened that two or three swarms united. Well, I was always glad of that. They were hived that way, and two or three section supers given them at once and they worked generally all right without giving any trouble at all. Of course, for a day or two after hiving I kept an "alley queen trap" at the entrance to make sure of their staying. During July we got plenty of rain. Basswood opened on the 8th, about one week earlier than usual. It yielded very plentifully this year; so did thistle. Buckwheat is not very extensively grown in these parts. Our bees work now on golden rod and other fall flowers, which are in great abundance around here.

H. A. SCHULTZ.

Clontarf, Renfrew Co., Ont., Aug. 17, '96.

In answer to yours of the 8th ult., I beg to state.

1st. How swarming was last year (1895)? From fifty old hives, only 12 swarms.

2nd. Bees wintered well. I only lost 3 hives (1896).

3rd. I lost eight boxes during spring.

4th. 5th, 6th and 7th. Eleven hundred pounds from fifty hives spring count.

8th. Fifty-five new swarms.

Please let me have quotations for 500 lbs. comb honey and 500 lbs. extracted. I shall not sell till I hear from you,

Yours truly,

W. J. PARR,

Renfrew, Ont., Sept. 3rd, 1896.

Toronto Exhibition Personals.

Wm. McEvoy, Vice-President North American Bee-Keepers' Association, and foul broad inspector, Mrs. McEvoy and family, visited the Toronto Exhibition, Thursday, Sept. 3rd.

F. A. Gemmel, Stratford, Ex-President Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, paid the Exhibition a visit the same day.

Wm. Couse, Streetville, Secretary Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association showed his smiling countenance to the exhibitors of honey, Sept. 3rd.

A. Budge, West Brook, made an inspection of the honey department on Sept. 2nd.

He is a grand bee-keeper and is on his way to visit a brother in Brantford.

E. Dickinson, North Glanford, a good bee-keeper, was in attendance at the Exhibition, he shows Barred Plymouth Rocks and has captured several first prizes.

Wm. Nolan Holton, Que., who has 187 colonies of bees called at the Exhibition, Sept. 7th.

Wm. Peck, Auburn, a somewhat extensive bee-keeper is exhibiting fruit at the Toronto Industrial.

A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton, director of the O. B. K. A., exhibited 32 varieties of apples at the Toronto Industrial. He called at the honey building Sept. 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sparling, visited the Industrial Sept. 7th. Visiting bee-keepers and exhibitors regret that owing to pressing business at home, Mr. Sparling was unable to exhibit honey at the Industrial.

Mr. David Anderson, Mansfield, secured a little over 100 lbs. per colony.

Mr. Wm. Murdeck, Palmerston, has had 100 lbs. per colony.

A. E. Trussler, Trent Creek, Parry Sound District, who visited the Toronto Exhibition is doing well with bees, he has a splendid locality for bees.

Questions.

Not knowing whether you make a business of answering questions in the columns of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL or not, but if you do you will greatly oblige me by answering the following questions:—

1.—How to prevent swarming in buck wheat season?

2.—How to induce bees to work in the sections instead of swarming?

3.—Do you think bees will work in the sections as readily with basswood separators in as they will without any separators?

4.—How would perforated zinc separators with mespas large enough to let the bees go through work.

[Will C. W. Post and others please answer.—Ed.]

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