

Judges not to award any prizes on any exhibit of Honey or Beeswax, that is less than the number of pounds required.

When Honey is exhibited with the intention of being retailed in the Exhibition building, space will be charged for.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

G. M. DOOLITTLE.—Envelopes and note heads came to hand to-day in good order, thanks. Borodino, New York, August 22nd., 1887.

C. THIELMANN.—Note heads and envelopes came to hand and I am very well pleased with the goods for the money they cost.

Thielmanton, Minn., Aug. 22nd, 1887.

CALVIN BOYD.—Please request Mr. G. M. Doolittle to give through C. B. J. description of his packing case with method and thickness of packing for wintering bees on summer stand.

Petrolia, August 28th., 1887.

C. THIELMANN.—A week ago to-morrow we had a thorough, good soaking hard rain. The asters and other fall flowers are in bloom, and the bees are storing honey surplus from them and they are filling the brood nest but slowly. I am getting a swarm or two nearly every day. They seem to have great prospects ahead. Sometimes I do not know what to do with a swarm at this time of the year as all the colonies are full of bees and have lots of brood.

Thielmanton, Minn., August 22nd, 1887.

W. M. BARNUM.—“No honey” seems to be the universal cry of each and every bee-keeper in this vicinity, and judging from the reports in the different bee journals it would appear that a good share of the bee-keeping fraternity are in the same boat so to speak. But, friend Hutchinson's advice is to “keep a stiff upper lip,” and I guess that's the best we can do—under the circumstances. Probably next year there will be plenty of honey, better prices and more customers, at least we can hope so.

“Burr Farm Apiary,” Angelica, N. Y. Aug. 13.

J. CROTHAMEL.—In Journal No. 14, vol. 3 you tell of contracting the brood chamber to get that 25 lbs. of honey that is what I want to learn. Please let me know how many frames to give the queen, (Simplicity hive).

Wallsville, Lacka Co. Penna. July 23rd 1887

The number of frames we give depends entirely on the strength of the colony and season of the year. Our honey flow is about over in this section of the country, the bees not getting much more than they can consume and some not gathering any. Unless you live in a locality where you are sure of a good fall flow we should advise you not to attempt it this season. From three to five frames are sufficient.

J. Y. YORKE.—As I have extracted some honey I would like to know before extracting any more if unsealed honey would turn sour? The honey season has been very short but the bees are still working, principally on buckwheat. I have taken about 100 pounds of comb and about 500 extracted from twelve hives, and am taking it yet. Alsike honey turned out well but was very short. Had very little from thistle and basswood, cherry and apple seemed to yield the most.

Wardsville, Ont., August 21st, 1887.

Unsealed honey will not scour unless it is very thin, which is not likely to be the case in this dry season and even when quite thin, if put in a dry place will ripen, but if placed in a damp place it is liable to sour. We are pleased to know that your bees have done so well.

F. W. FULFORD.—I received the three queens and one colony of bees for the amount due me on the Horn account, with thanks. The queens arrived by mail all right; got them on Friday, 19th, at 9 a.m. Not knowing that a colony of bees were coming, I sit about what to do, therefore I went to two of my hives and opened them up and drew three frames from each, with plenty of brood, and placed the frames in new hives with the queens caged in the Peet cage placed on the combs. I examined the two hives this morning and found all is right and the bees working carrying in pollen. As for the colony, on examining it I found about one-third the amount of bees dead when the express wagon drove to my door and delivered them to me, so I had one queen left yet not knowing that it was a full colony. I therefore placed this third queen on a frame of comb in a Peet cage and closed it. Yesterday morning, August 21st, I went to examine the colony and I found the bees had ate the comb on one side away and killed the queen. I looked over several of the frames and no queen nor queen cells did I find. I would ask you, did you put a queen in this colony or was there a queen naturally in the hive? if so, all right. The bees are working away briskly.

Brockville, Ont., August 22nd, 1887.

The colony contained a good tested queen, and that, no doubt, was the cause of the other being destroyed. We presume the reason why so many bees were dead was that the colony was an unusually strong one, and perhaps received a little rough handling by the express agents. The extreme hot weather would also have an effect on them. We are pleased to know that they arrived safely, and that one more of Thomas Horn's debts is settled.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have just received from our lithographers several hundred thousand labels of the various kinds, so that those who had labels on order will receive them at once. The price of these is much cheaper this year and we anticipate a larger sale than heretofore.