

queen. Eight days after the swarm has issued the first young queen will have emerged from her cell, as a rule, when the apiarist should remove all the other queen-cells from the hive, so that second swarming is entirely prevented.

In ten days more our young queen is ready to lay, which is about the time the basswood begins to yield honey largely, during this period, between the time the swarm issued and the young queen commences to lay, the bees not having any brood to nurse for the last half of the time, consume but little honey, hence as fast as the young bees emerge from the cells, they are filled with honey; for bees, not having a laying queen, seldom build comb in the sections, especially while there is no unsealed brood in the hive.

Thus, when the young queen is ready to lay, she finds every available cell stored with well-ripened honey. At this point, the instinct of the bees teach them that they must have brood, or they will soon cease to exist as a colony, and a general rush is made for the sections, the honey from below is carried above, so as to give the queen room, and in a week, we have as a result, the sections nearly filled with honey.

I have often had such colonies fill and complete 30 two-pound sections in from 8 to 12 days, while those to which I had given the laying queen immediately after swarming, did little but swarm during the same time.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, in Rural Home.
Borodino, N. Y.

Honey at the Fall Fairs.

EO. E. HILTON, in the Michigan Farmer has the following agent the advantages accruing from a well arranged display at the local fall exhibition.

The time of year is now at hand when we should begin to arrange for our exhibit at fairs especially county fairs, and I hope every county fair in the United States will have a honey exhibit. Space can be secured by applying to the managers now, and although there may be no premiums offered if you make a good exhibit this fall you will have no trouble in getting premiums for another year. I urge this course because there is no better way to advertise and sell your honey. You can undoubtedly get permission to sell the last day and perhaps all through the fair, providing you don't sell your exhibit until the last. To sell successfully at fairs you must have hundreds of small packages that you can sell for five cents each. The Canadians have a little tin receptacle that holds one ounce that they give away and it invariably sells from one to ten pounds of extracted honey. Then to introduce their comb honey they have plates and a one pound section on each, out from

corner to corner, leaving one-fourth of the comb sticking to each side of the section; these they sell for five cents each, thus realizing 20 cents a pound for their comb honey, and sending out one of the best advertising mediums in the world. Their cry is "Honey on a stick five cents a lick." I don't know that it has ever been tried in the States, but see no reason why it won't work, in fact I know it will and it makes a much more palatable sweet for the children than poisonous candies sold at such places.

Now, perhaps there are localities where fairs will not be held. In that case in the fall it is an excellent plan to take a horse and wagon, load up with honey and go right through the county; get acquainted with your more distant neighbors and you will be surprised at the amount of honey you will sell and the amount of pleasure you will receive. I like to get all the pleasure I can out of my work, it shortens the days and lessens the burden very materially.

Perhaps some of you will object to this latter plan because it savors so much of peddling, but after trying it once you will find it a real pleasure, and a rest from the usual routine of work, and you are doing good; at the same time you are disposing of your honey at remunerative prices.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

A. NASH.—I put six colonies into winter quarters, lost one, and have now eleven. They are doing finely now. Basswood, and clover were rather limited in this section. I purpose extracting to-morrow. Expect about 150 lbs., besides 30 lbs. sections.
Upper, Ont.

A NEBRASKA REPORT.

J. GEIGER.—It is quite certain that the crop of white honey this year will not be as large as was anticipated a month or six weeks ago; also, that it will compare with last year, which was one of the poorest ever known. Plenty of swarms this season though late. I have bred large swarms other years, but none so large as this year. If I had not seen them come out of the hive I would have said that they were two swarms united.

NORR. Dansville, N. Y.

R. R. BERTSON.—I received my queen alright and got her introduced. I am well pleased with her. My bees are doing well this summer. I have taken 1400 lbs. of linden honey off 34 hives. As my bees were late swarming I have taken very little honey off my young swarms as yet. I expect a large flow of honey this fall, and I am going to be ready for it.

Northwood, July 29th.

SWARMS WITHOUT QUEEN.

J. BRETHAUER.—I had a colony that swarmed yet had no queen cell. Is such a thing possible?

Wroxeter, July 20th.

It is a very common thing for bees to