

OUR OWN APIARY.

Swarms Dividing under Three Young Queens.

THE other day in our bee-yard we had a second swarm out with three young queens. The reason why we knew there were three young queens in the swarm before they clustered on the limbs, was by an examination of the combs when we found that the three queens had hatched out, and as there was a large number of fine cells remaining we felt satisfied those had gone out with the swarm. They flew about a great deal before they commenced to light, then the three queens each settled on a limb about three or four feet apart on the same tree. As the bees clustered the queens they were pretty equally divided making three small swarms, and as they hung in clusters on the limbs I noticed one of the young queens on the outside of one of the clusters. We caught her by the wings and caged her. We had scarcely finished the operation before the bees commenced dividing up between the other two clusters. We caught the second queen, and then took the bees from the third limb with the queen, and shook them down in front of a hive, but the queen flew around and lit on the second cluster. We then put that one down to the hive, when she rose again and flew to the last cluster. She kept doing this a number of times, in fact she refused to be hived, or to stay in the hive until she was caged. Now we knew no reason to assign for her peculiar acting unless it be that in the hive she left the bees refused to allow her to destroy the other queens, and she became disgusted with the hive that she left where she could not do as she liked, however, they are now working splendidly. They have stored honey very rapidly for the last few days. The splendid shower that we have just had will tend to improve the yield from Canadian thistles very much, and those who live in localities having such, may expect, if favorable weather continues, a monster flow from that source. Basswood will yield for a week or ten days yet.

CHASING A RUNAWAY SWARM.

A friend came in a day or two ago, and

told us a good story of a neighbor who was pursuing a runaway swarm. They were crossing a pasture field, and the pursuer was following them keeping close to them. Keeping his eyes turned upward he did not think of there being any obstacles for his feet, and on he ran. Suddenly, however, the ground seemed to rise up before him, and over he went on his head, to the amusement of the boys who were watching the race and to the disgust of the animal that caused it. He had run against a cow which was lying quietly on the grass chewing her cud, and who, when she felt a toe strike her, rose up to inquire into the situation, with the results mentioned. But he got the swarm.

Bogus Foundation.

IT is not often that THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is called upon to expose frauds, for which its editors are truly thankful. But it is the bounden duty of newspaper publishers at all times to expose fraudulent transactions, even at their own loss when made public through the medium of their papers. This will be our position in the present instance. The party to whom we must refer has been a good customer in the past, having bought hundreds of dollars worth of goods from us every year, and it will be only reasonable to suppose that this trade will be cut off after we have done with the present article. But we have our duty to perform, and we shall not shrink from it.

Probably six weeks ago we received a sample of foundation from Mr. John Cross, of Chesley, which we at once decided was not pure, and so informed him. A day or two after a letter came from Mr. Wesley Montgomery, of Hilton, containing similar material worked up into foundation. These we numbered 1 and 2, and sent them to Prof. F. T. Shutt, M. A., the chemist at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa for analysis. He asked for larger quantities of each lot to enable him to get a proper analysis.

In the meantime, we asked through THE BEE JOURNAL, for samples of foundation received by any of our customers, which they believed to be adulterated, and we have received over a score of