

stores, and with a less favorable fall flow the bees will secure ampler stores for winter than they otherwise would. The old queen and frame that was removed may be added to a weaker colony less the queen if others are apparently as good.

Fourth. As to extracting honey, the honey from the bees and feeding sugar syrup for winter, it looks reasonable and might pay, but I will venture the opinion you will not do it very often. Don't do it until you have got to, and that will be when there is honey dew in the hives.—W. A. Chrysler, Chatham, Ont.

The Heddon Hive.

To the Editor,

Your card re what Rev. L. L. Langstroth intended to say about the new Heddon hive came duly to hand. I may state that on the morning of the second day of the Toronto convention, that I had considerably over an hours conversation with him on different subjects, one of them being about the correspondence that took place between us at the time I purchased my first Italian queen from him in October, 1864, the price then paid being \$10. This you will observe was 31 years ago, and I have all the correspondence still in my possession, amounting to quite a few letters bearing on this matter, and which I prize very much, as also some of a more recent date.

"By the way friend Gemmell, before I forget," said Mr. Langstroth, "I want an opportunity if possible, of saying something on two subjects at the convention, one is on Mr. Parson's first importation of Italian queens to America, and the other is concerning the new Heddon hive. This I desire to do in simple justice to both Mr. Parson and Mr. Heddon."

You no do doubt will remember that I came to the meeting with Mr. L. having to wait some little time, after the meeting opened, in order to accompany him there, and that he did get the opportunity of relating about the importation of the Italians. Well I cannot inform either yourself, or the general public, as to what he intended saying about the Heddon hive, but from the little he did say to me about this time, I concluded he intended to speak favorably of it, and its working, etc. You, of course, are quite aware that the opportunity for speaking on this subject did not present itself, and this I understand Mr. Langstroth very much regretted, as no doubt many others, myself being one of them.

These are the facts as I know them, and I trust may serve the purpose for which

you have written me concerning the conversation which took place between Mr. Langstroth and myself on the subject.

F. A. GEMMELL,

Stratford, Nov. 25th, 1895.

FRIEND HOLTERMAN.—You have asked me for an article for C.B.J., but the fact is it is pretty much up-hill work to write an interesting article, as the honey crop here has been a total failure. Bees will have to be fed for the winter, and are almost starving now.

The firm I buy grain for wished me to open up a new market at Cookstown. We did not decide to go till about July 1st, and as alsike and white clover was quite fresh there, our bees were sent north as soon as possible, but a little late to get much clover honey, but lately have been getting considerable from fall pasturage, as they are now located near that large swamp between Beeton and Alliston. but I expect to have to do some feeding, the way the bees were moved during such warm weather. After nailing frames and giving plenty of ventilation, I shipped a wagon every evening by express, and they were met at Beeton by a friend, John H. Mitchell, (who assisted us with the bees two seasons), and taken out five miles to their farm, and the 130 hives were placed in the new location without any mishap. Only about half-a-dozen combs were broken down, although none of the frames were wired.

Bee-keepers in Simcoe County have had a fair yield of honey. I should say half a crop, which was gathered from white and alsike clover, although they did not have any more rain than we had here, yet the valleys, lowlands and peculiarity of soil was more moist, and alsika was a good crop. It is a very hard trial for us to pick up and leave a locality like this after a sojourn of about 11 years, especially when you have so many kind friends. However we hope to see many of them again. We expect to be moved to Cookstown September 1st.

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Cookstown.

I renew my subscription for '96. Find enclosed postoffice order for one dollar. I like the Bee Journal very much now. We had a very poor season last year. Hoping we will have a better next.

James Davidson,

Goderich, January, 1896.