

tell exactly how many pounds from each. The prospects for a fall flow are poor at present. One bee-keeper having 42 colonies has had but 56 swarms. Another with 38 colonies has had but 40 swarms. Neither have taken any honey. My 10 colonies have given me 12 swarms. I divided two artificially, making 14 good swarms. I look for a yield from basswood and fall bloom though I fear the season is too dry for either.

RICHMOND.

DUNVILLE.—We have had a wet backward summer. I started this spring with four colonies and have increased to eight. There will be very little surplus honey in this district this year. Do not expect much of a fall flow.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

The Membership Premium for 1887.

DOUTBLESS those who were members of the Bee-Keepers' Association last year will be surprised that nothing has been done with the appropriation in their favor made at last annual meeting. It will be remembered that the appropriation then made was for the purpose of procuring a copy of "Langstroth on the Honey Bee," provided the sum put at the disposal of the Directors warranted this. The Directors delegated to the writer the duty of negotiating with the publishers, Messrs. Dadant & Son, for some two hundred copies of the work, to be distributed as directed by the Association. The communications which passed between the publishers and myself up till the time they last met were then submitted, since that time I heard nothing of the progress made in getting out the work. I wrote the firm a few days ago asking them when it would be ready for delivery, to which I received the following reply:—"The work is not all in type yet. We send you a few proofs. Will notify you as soon as book is out." The members will thus see that the Directors are not responsible for delay in furnishing them with what they doubtless expected to have got some time ago.

R. MCKNIGHT.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

Introducing Queens—Swarming.

I ENCLOSE a short account of the state of our little apiary, and taking you at your own word, will once more trespass upon your own courtesy. You must, I think, have given me a most extraordinarily prolific queen, for the Italians have devoted themselves to swarming and the hive seems as full as at the beginning, indeed fuller. We put on a super but as they

did not work in it we concluded to follow your advice and contract the brood chamber. Found four or five queen cells, and fearing they might not swarm, and not wishing to close the queen, took out on July 16th two frames and put them in a combination hive, a queen cell was on one frame and a good many bees and plenty of brood on both. Two days after the queen was hatched and the colony quite busy. July 23rd the original colony (from you) swarmed naturally and we hived them in our last Combination hive. Two Combination hives had been used for the two black swarms from box hives. July 25th natural swarm No. 2 came and we united it quite easily with natural swarm No. 1, having captured the queen—a beauty, too. July 27th swarm No. 3 came off and we essayed to unite it with the artificial swarm taken off July 16th, and succeeded, but with great loss of life, as, I suppose, you as a bee-keeper will imagine. I captured this queen also and intended to give it to the first swarm, which, I supposed, contained the original Italian queen you sent, which we intended to introduce to a hive of natives. But, alas, both my virgin queens died. I had each in a cage of yours with honey, but after 36 hours confinement both died. Please tell me should they have had bees with them or how do you keep queen bees?

I am very sorry I have lost them for they were beautiful creatures and I feel an ignorant regicide. There are only three linden trees in this neighborhood. Will they grow from suckers and can those be planted any time but spring? I have been much interested in C. B. J. papers on dead brood, as in June we had a colony in box hive had just the symptoms and I did not like to bore you about it. Nothing in our bee books could be found to coincide, unless it might be mothworm, so we decided it must be. It was a strong colony and every morning for a fortnight the alighting board had numbers of full grown larvæ, if the term be allowed, fully formed but white, and many of them alive and crawling about, evidently just hatched. The bees were also flying away with larvæ. We were afraid other hives were getting it, but I now think it must have been stray larvæ dropped by the bees. The affected colony is hard at work now and seems very strong, making surplus in two boxes. Will you tell me how to fasten the foundation in the frames or sections? We are using white glue but have much trouble in getting them to hang straight. My brother has kept bees for many years in box hives and has been very successful in wintering in his cellar with hives raised slightly from bottom boards. The early part of this season has been