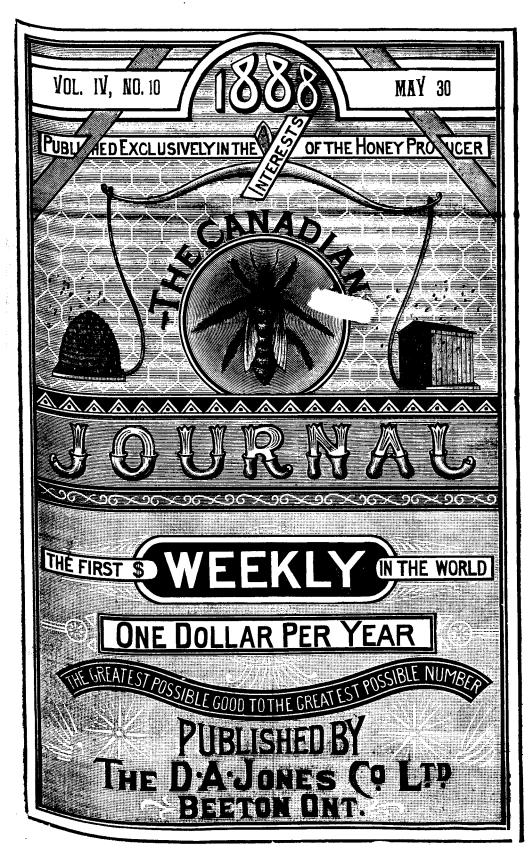
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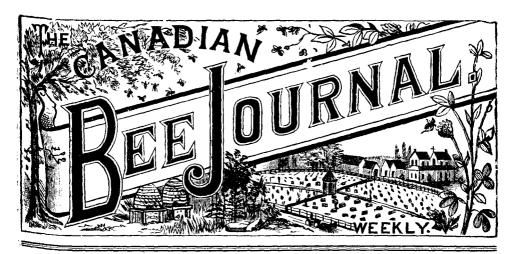
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R. Howard, of Lynden, was awarded the contract for supplying the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association with the queens which they desire to give their members. Those who wish to receive the adyantage of the premiums now given, and who have not remitted the amount of their membership to the Secretary, W. Couse, Streetsville, should do so at once. It should not require such an inducement to assist so worthy an object.

The use of queen-excluding zinc is coming into use in England again in considerable quantities. It was first tried there and discarded, but it is found now to be of considerable advantage, and we doubt not that before long it will be used as extensively there as on this side of the water.

We wish all friends of the Canadian Bee Journal to be on the alert for items in the various newspapers published, which are detrimental to the best interests of honey producers. Such stories as adulteration, manufactured comb honey, etc.

We are promised the result of the correspondence between the Post Office Departments of Ottawa and Washington, so soon as it shall become known. In the meantime it would have a salu-

tory effect if all interested were to have the representative for their constituency write the Post Master General, setting forth the reasons why queen bees and their attendants should pass through the mails between the two countries.

We have not yet received the minutes of the proceedings of the Oxford bee-keepers' spring meeting, held in the council chamber at Woodstock on the 19th inst. The most important business transacted, however, was the affiliation of that society with the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association. A committee was appointed to meet with the county agricultural board and arrange the prize list in the honey department. Two delegates, Whealey and Munroe, were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, half their expenses to be paid by the Association. A discussion took place on wintering which we expect to give more fully on receipt of the minutes.

OUR OWN APIARY.

QUEEN-REARING RETARDED.

weather at last. Did you ever hear of or see such May weather before? Frost almost every other night, and the weather so cold in the daytime that to stand on the street for more than a few minutes gave a

person the chills, and this weather has been pretty hard on the little inmates of the hive. All attempts at queen-rearing were discarded. It was simply impossible to get the bees, no matter how strong the colony, to commence cells—or at least more than one or two to a hive. We have had lots of drones ready for a week but they are useless without the queens.

MOISTURE ON TOP OF QUILTS.

In examining the colonies in the various yards, large quantities of water were found on top of the quilts, so much that when removed and tilted, the water would run off in a perfect stream. This is nothing more or less than the moisture coming from the bees condensing when it reaches the cold air above the quilts. At first sight it strikes one as though the rain had beaten in upon the quilt and rested there.

PUTTING ON TOP STORIES.

Our bees are, the bulk of them, so strong that the foreman is busy putting on second stories to give them room.

CHANGING QUEENS.

Our foreman makes a practice of changing queens at this season. When a weak colony has an extra good queen and a strong colony is situate in an opposite position, it is poor policy to allow the good queen to waste her energies in the light stock, and a change is very beneficial all around.

CHESHIRE'S BEES AND BEE-KEEP-ING.

CHAPTER 7—THE RAISING AND INTRODUC-TION OF QUEENS.

HE first question which comes up in this chapter is the feeding of the larvæ, and on this point the author says: "Bee larvæ, male and female, when they leave the egg, are not fed on a mixture of pollen, honey and water, as is so constantly asserted—for they are then too small and tender to deal with pollen grains as a portion of their food—nor are they fed upon regurgitated food, as was taught by DuFour; but they receive from the nurse bees a secretion which is truly a milk, from a gland carried in the head, and which, in the nurses. is extremely active." He claims that the so-called "Royal"

Jelly" is a myth, that the same jelly is given to all larvæ but to a less extent, the drones receiving more than workers. "Foremost, of the general principles by which to be guided in raising queens of the highest excellence," says Mr. Cheshire, "are these two: First, the larvæ should be intended by the nurses for a queen from the very beginning; and second, the nurses must be numerous and well nourished, and not have put upon their secretive powers a drain which they cannot fully bear." modes of rearing queens are given, as practiced by Mr. Alley and others. Speaking of the food supplied to the young queens while in the nursery, he says: "Queens allowed access to sugars only become attenuated, although not visibly reduced—for the hard, chitinous envelope prevents external shrinkage, and the bowel contains, instead of abundant pollen residues, a dirty-colored, nearly fluid mass."

Queen Introduction forms the concluding portion of this chapter, and under this head many of the different cages in use are described, none of them however having any really new feature which has not been thoroughly discussed on this side the water. The chloform plan, introduced first on this continent, we believe, by Mr. Jones, is also described, and the method of procedure, as given on page 390, vol. I. Canadian BEE JOURNAL is reproduced in full. The "Hallamshire Law" is also published in full. This, too, has been given of late in this Journal, (see pages 28 and 131 of present volume). The Simmins' method has not, we believe, been given by us as yet. Mr. Cheshire seems to favor this mode of introduction, which, given in a few words is as follows:-"Remove the queen from the hive that is to receive the stranger, placing the latter, at dusk, in a warm situation, quite alone, and without food, and so keeping her for 30 minutes. Then lift, at one corner, the quilt of the hive to which she is to be introduced, driving back the bees with very little smoke, and at once permit the queen to run Close the hive, make no examination for forty-eight hours, and leave the operation so late that a lamp is necessary when the queen is introduc-We must confess that the whole of this plan is new to us; we have tried. it all, with but varying success, excepting the manipulation after dark. we have not tried. But we shall do so at once and report results. If the plan does work with the surety and safety with which the author credits it, much of the trouble will be saved which is now experienced by those having queens to introduce. Not only trouble saved but much valuable time in egg-depositing is saved. Mr. Chesshire says that: "it was quite easy, not only to introduce, but to get one queen to lay in half a dozen distinct hives in a single week."

CHAPTER 8 .-- THE APIARY, ITS ESTABLISH-MENT AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

This chapter deals with the selection of the locality, pasturage, operative house, bee hunting, foods and feeding, Stimulation in spring, spreading the brood, autumn feeding, robbing, uniting, etc. In no instance do we find anything altogether new in this chapter; the food recommended is sugar syrup mixed in the same proportions as we have long recommended. The feeders described are all more or less used in England, but none of them applicable to this country. A number of these were nicely described in the series of papers written for the CANA-DIAN BEE JOURNAL by "Amateur Ex-pert." Reference to the feeders may be found on page 135 of volume III.

The remaining chapters we will re-View in our next issue.

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BASSWOOD TREES.

have just finished planting between 500 and basswood trees, and we think perhaps a tree planting, or rather the few hints way we do it, may be of service to some of our bee friends. About three miles from Beeton there is a large bush, very thickly grown up with undergrowth, and where cattle have not been allowed to We have succeeded thus far in getting over 600 hasswood trees varying from one inch to five inches in diameter, from this one place. We prefer them about two or three inches through for

large as five inches. We take the large ones up with a sharp tile spade and cut the roots for about three feet from the tree all around. We then turn the spade with the edge towards the tree so that the narrow blade will slip in between the roots without cutting many of them, and press it down in the ground about six inches inside of the cut just By prying back the spade we loosen the ground pretty freely in this way for about a foot all round the tree. This loosens the roots, and by swinging the tree slightly, allowing the top to bend, we get sufficient power to remove the tree, especially if it be tall. While one man is swinging the tree the one with the tile spade is cutting the roots as far from the tree as possible. By this means we are enabled to secure all the main roots, and many of the fibres. On large trees, three feet from the trunk around, or smaller ones two feet, and none less than 18 inches, even though scarcely an inch through, is our rule. We are careful not to shake any more earth off the roots than is necessary to enable us to handle them. We cut the top off from 10 to 15 feet from the root, place them in a spring waggon, using care not to bruise or break through the roots. The holes to plant them in are all dug in advance and are large enough to take in the roots without cramping them; the holes are from two to three feet deep. The bottom we fill up with sods, and we then fill in the hole with sufficient soil to bring it to the proper height for the trees to sit on, which should be placed slightly deeper than it is in the woods. We are very careful to get good rich soil, well pulverized, to go about the roots, stringing out all the small roots and fibres that they may keep about the same position that they did originally. After covering the roots nicely, we pour on several pails of water, sufficient at least to saturate the earth thoroughly, and run it into every crevice about the roots, that there may be no vacuum or air space left about them. We have found from experience that those trees form the nicest tops and grow more rapidly, that are cut the shortest. send out shoots forming large limbs all about the top, and they grow into more perfectly shaped trees. After they are planted they should be staked, at least planting, but we have taken some as the first year, until the roots get a firm hold, so that the wind may not injure them by shaking. We. think that nothing pays better than care in digging and planting. It is not the number that are planted, but the way in which the work is done. It would be better to plant ten trees, and they would be of more service in ten years than one hundred managed the way they usually are. We have trees on our streets which were planted not more than six or seven years ago that are over ten inches through at the ground, and the tops cover diameters of from 20 to 30 feet. If we are as successful as we anticipate, we expect to have enough basswood trees in a few years to supply from 100 to 200 colonies of bees, so that they may be kept busy during their blooming and honey producing season. Basswood as well as being a good tree for honey gathering purposes, is also good for shade trees. Maples, both hard and soft, do not grow very firmly around the trunk, and when heavy on the top they bend over and injure the shape of the tree, frequently destroying their appearance almost entirely; soft maples are best adapted to damp soil, while hard maples are not adapted to either too damp or too dry a Basswood, on the contrary, will grow The bottoms of creeks are in any soil. covered with basswood in many places where maples will not live, and they like sandy soil. Often on the sides of mountains, where you can scarcely find any soil, they seem to cling to the sides of the hills, growing in the crevices of the rock, and they seem to thrive well. They will stand more abuse from stock than any other kind of tree we know of. Even when they are broken off they will sprout up and grow again. It should not take much persuasion to induce some of our farmers to plant them for shade trees around their farms. would increase the value of their farms very much and also increase their crops. In villages and towns a little effort should only be necessary to induce the councils to take the matter up and plant some every year.

According to the last returns in the British Bee Journal, we find the amount of honey imported into the United Kingdom during the month of April, 1888, amounted to 2,580 pounds.

STATISTICS FOR QNTARIO.

HE Secretary of the Bureau of Industries in his Bulletin on "Crops and Live Stock in Ontario" issued May 15th says of

BEES AND HONEY.

It was evident when the bees were placed inwinter quarters that the season would be very trying to them. The flow of honey had ceased unusually early in the summer, and so had breeding, and as a consequence stores were light in the hives and the occupants were chiefly old ones lacking the vitality to stand a long period of winter seclusion. Losses are reported as general, ranging from 5 to 75 per cent., and it may be assumed that about one-fourth of the colonies entering the winter died before the time came for their spring flight. The counties of Huron, Bruce and Simcoe seemed to have suffered most heavily in the matter of winter losses. In many instances the bees died of actual. starvation owing to the scant supply of summer honey, and poorly ventilated cellars are also ascribed as a cause of loss, although several experienced apiarists express themselves as puzzled to account for the mortality in certain cases. Many of the surviving colonies were weak from long confinement in the winter repositories, and the cold and backward spring thinned them out in several districts. Complaints were also made of losses from dysentery and spring dwindling. Where specially well fed and cared for during the winter, the honey-makers came outas a rule very lively, and are busily engaged now carrying early pollen. No mention is made of foul brood from any quarter. An effort was made during the past winter, at the suggestion of the Bee-keepers' Association, to procure statistics of the industry, and three thousand schedules were sent out to apiarists in the province. Returns were received from 651 persons sufficiently complete for tabulation, the aggregates of which showed that 19,015 hives were put into winter quarters in 1886, and 23,828 in 1887. The season of 1887 opened with 14,613, showing a decrease of 4,402 during the winter; but as sales were not reported it is not likely that the whole decrease was due to mortality. The increase by colonies last year was 10,863, making an aggregate of 25,476 hives for the season. These gave a product of 112,477 lbs. comb honey, 499,093 lbs. extracted honey, and 6,686 lbs. wax, valued at \$67,237, or an average of \$103.28 for each proprietor. Full returns for the province would doubtless show that the industry is one of very considerable importance, but a practical difficulty in the way of procuring statistics is the lack of a complete list of apiarists.

We incline to the opinion that the trouble is not so much "the lack of a complete list of apiarists," as it is an unwillingness on the part of many apiarists to accede to the request of the Department of Agriculture to fill in the return. That only 651 schedules were returned completed, out of some 3000 sent out, is quite sufficient proof of this statement.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

REGARDING QUEENS.

SUPPLIED TO MEMBERS OF O.B.K.A.

T may not be out of place for me to make known to the members of the Association through the medium of the Journal, that Mr. Geo. A. Howard, Lynden, has been awarded the contract for supplying the queens. To give the agreement entered into between the Executive of the Association and Mr. Howard may be the best way to inform the members what their rights and duties are under the contract. It was deemed advisable to enter into a written agreement, the text of which is as follows:

"This agreement made and entered into this day of May, A.D. 1888 between Geo. A. Howard, of Lynden, in the County of Wentworth, apiarist, hereinafter called the party of the first part, and Martin Emigh, President of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association and Wm. Couse, Secretary of said Association, for and on behalf of said Association, hereinafter called the Association.

"The said party of the first part agrees with the Association that he will, on or before the 10th day of July next, mail to the address of each and every member of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, a purely mated Italian queen bee, securely put up in a suitable mailing cage with the usual precautions for safe transit, having written upon such cage in legible characters, the name and post office address of the member to whom it is sent, and fully post paid. The said party of the first part further agrees to replace any and all such queen bees as may be dead on reaching the post office to which they are addressed.

"It is mutually agreed between the parties hereto that such queen bees shall be held to be delivered if taken alive from the post office to which they are addressed, or if allowed to remain therein more than three days after being received at such post office.

"The Association agrees to pay to the party

of the first part the sum of for every queen delivered to its members in accordance with the terms of this agreement, upon the production of the certificate of the postmaster of Lynden, that such were duly mailed. But it is mutually agreed that such payment be deferred till the 30th day of July, and that all queens that are lost in transit shall be replaced by the party of the first part before the date last above mentioned, such loss being reported to the party of the first part within ten days after being received at the post office to which they are addressed, otherwise the party of the first part shall not be responsible.

[Signed,]

GEO. A. HOWARD, [L.S.]
MARTIN EMIGH,
Pres. O.B.A.
WILLIAM COUSE,
Sec. O.B.A.

Signed. sealed and delivered in the presence of

M. WHITE.

S. HILTS,

H. Howard.

From the above it will be seen that Mr. Howard's responsibility for the safety of the queen ceases as soon as they are taken out of the post office, and if allowed to remain more than three days in the post office, the queen will be considered delivered. Anyone whose queen may be dead when taken from the post office will do well to report the fact to either Mr. Couse or myself at once, that intimation may be given to Mr. Howard in due time.

R. McKnight.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.
BEE-KEEPING IN MUSKOKA.

HIS has been a long winter for the bees in Muskoka, not a day on which they could fly until the 26th of April, when by

noon the weather took a sudden changes there being plenty of snow in the bush and along the fences. I waited until the next day (27th) when the mercury rose to 860 and I then set out my bees, which consisted of eighteen stocks. On examination I found one starved and with signs of dysentery, one queenless and one with. drone laying queen. The queenless one I united at once, the drone layer I killed and united the the next day, viz., setting their movable bottom hive on top of the other. In a couple of house they were all down in the lower hive, when I covered them up snugly. I keep a number of bottomless Jones S.W. hives on hand to use as a second story or for uniting purposes where they answer very well. The colony that starved had quite as much stores as any of the others when put into winter quarters. It weighed sixty-six pounds without the lid (Jones S.W. hive) the others weighed from fifty-eight to seventy-five pounds according to strength. It appears to me that the color of a hive has something to do with the bees wintering well. I have some dark slate colored hives and some brown painted ones. The ones wintered in the slate colored ones would always come out the worst, while the brown painted hives always give the very best results in wintering. This I have noticed for three years in succession. I do not say that the color of the hives affects the bees while in the cellar, but it might affect them while remaining out late in the fall. As I said before there was plenty of snow in the bush, and even in the fields, still the bees came in with pollen and honey. They must have got the pollen from the black alder, as no other trees had budded out. The honey I believe was gathered from the sugar maple, of which they brought in quite a quantity. Since then the willows, poplars, elm and soft maple are in bloom, also quite a number of spring flowers are in bloom and on which the bees seem to be doing very well. Every night before bed time I pay them a visit to contract the entrance if needed, but the lovely hum in the hives at this time indicates that they do not. the fifteen stocks I have to start with this season six are very strong, seven medium and two on the weak side. By all appearances there might be a good honey year again and bee-keepers ought to bethink themselves how to obtain a fair price for their honey. To be able to make a somewhat fair estimate of this year's honey crop it is to some extent essential to take into account the stocks on hand, or in other words. the forces that gather the honey. It would, therefore, be of interest to all if every bee-keeper would report through the C.B.J. the losses and stocks on hand, a fair estimate could then be formed, not only of the probable price of honey, but of the price of colonies for sale, but from the larger bee-keepers we very seldom hear any report, still there is a complaint that smaller beekeepers spoil the market, can it be otherwise? The smaller bee-keepers not knowing the probable stocks on hand, are constantly afraid of the larger, and to clear the market and try to sell as quickly as possible, not always obtaining the best price. Some are prompted by other moives to slaughter their honey as there is the "liking of strong drinks." Strong drinks they must have—the honey must go at whatever it will bring, of course, that brings the price of honey down and I may ask what chance has an honest bee-keeper against this class of competition? To sell without a paying profit for his

labor? He might as well give up bee-keeping and to buy the honey from them requires capital and time to sell it again. Here is what I do: If a party comes to me and tells me "I can get honey for such a price from Mr. So and So," I tell them that is the place to buy their honey in a short time those bee-keepers have sold out and the market is then open for me. I sold all I had at fifteen cents by the single pound, or eight pounds for dollar.

Very recently an answer was given in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL to a query on transferring bees from box hives, and fruit bloom was mentioned as the best time. This might be a very good time for the southern part of the country, but here I think it would be preferable to wait until the bees were transferred and had cast a swarm. Transferring so early would, I think, retard their building up and likely they would not swarm that season. On the other hand, after they have swarmed there would be very little brood to be in the way of transferring. A neighbor, a bee-keeper wanted to have a colony transferred from a box hive to a Jones S.W. I told him to take a swarm first and then in eighteen or twenty days call on me again. He did so. The box hive had twelve frames all of which had a round centre bar and the combs were built diagonaly. After shaking the bees out I cut the frames loose with a long knife, thus leaving hardly enough comb to fill two frames. Had to give frames with starters; there was no brood to contend with. As I had not seen the queen I told the man to give them a frame of eggs and young brood from another hive and they would raise a queen. He asked me where he would find the queen egg. Never mind the queen egg, I replied the bees will find it. After a few days I went there again and found the queen laying.

E. SCHULTZ.

Kilworthy, May 11th, 1888.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

A Report on Putting into Winter Quarters Early.

N November 5th I put in 20 colonies, 24 on the 9th and 20 on the 26th. The outcome this spring is largely in favor of those put in early being stronger, cleaner, and having consumed less food and with 3 or 4 exceptions having brood in a forward state, a good many having young bees flying when first set out, on the 26th April. After being 172 and 168 days in close confinement out of the 44 I lost 6—3 being queenless which I had to double up and 3 from starvation being put in light. I tried winter feeding, but it was not a success; don't think I'll try it again-

Of the 20 put in later I lost 3 from starvation, with a few expections this lot had to be fed in spring, but they were not put up in very good shape. Some of them were fed just before putting in, they were sold at auction last winter at an average of \$3. Seven or eight of them had their hives badly fouled. On the whole, I am well satisfied with early housing, and if all goes well until next fall I will try some put in about the middle of October. At present they are doing well, but if the weather had continued cold much longer feeding would have been the order of the day. I, McKimmie.

Lisle, Ont., May 23rd, 1888.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

Another Report of Putting Bees in Early.

AST fall I wrote you about putting the bees in winter quarters on the ber. On the 20th and 25th April I took them from the cellar, the last ones having been there six calendar months. On the 1st of April they were all alive, since then some have starved, and weak ones I have united as they had no brood on setting out and very few much feed. Had to keep some going by putting candy on the frames in the cellar. They winter all right on it, but when set out they must have it in the liquid form, as two of the colonies after setting out a few days were dying with plenty of it above them. I am speaking of candy made entirely of sugar. It seems to dry so with the outside air that they cannot make use of it. Probably that made with honey and sugar would be better. All this goes to give experience, and, if studied, fits one more to be a successful apiarist; however, it is, to say the least, poor policy to put any colonies away in the fall without abundance of winter stores. Those of mine that were so are in first-class condition, and will be abundantly strong by the time the honey harvest arrives, as it will be late this year. I like it for this, but it is not pleasant so much cold windy

SWARMING OUT.

I had heard much about swarming out, but had not witnessed it until this spring. At noon of the day I set the last out—the thermometer tegistering 850 in the shade—I noticed at one of the strongest colonies a number of bees flying about. Having been absent from them all morning. ing I went to see what it was all about, and found the front of the hive covered with bees hanging from the cover, and others rushing out full. I thought at first they were being robbed, and so closed the entrance entirely and went to dinner. Soon I looked out and saw them flying

in the air. They lighted on a litttle stump near by. On opening the hive, what bees-and there were a fine lot-were shut in were running about making a noise as queenless ones do. They had only eggs in one comb, showing they had not commenced brooding until setting out. Cleaned the hive of dead bees and took it over to the swarm. They had plenty of honey in the hive. They were equal in numbers to a good first swarm, and in the crowd were some with pollen on their legs, so I suppose they thought they were "doing it up grand." They are back in the hive, and three weeks are up to-day, so they are now reaping their reward.

Minesing, Ont., May 18th, 1888.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

THOSE SCREWS.

TRIEND Jones.—I was sorry to learn on page 126 that you had such screws and had them so adjusted in my new hive that they bothered you in tiering, either in the spring, or at any time of the year. All of that results from the fact that you haven't used the right screws or the right top-bit for cutting the hreads, or perhaps more properly the right combination of the two. Of one thing we are absolutely certain; when this combination is correct as we have it, you may throw the case into a lake and sink it for a week, and the screws will turn perfectly easy when removed. It is very simple and easy to cut the threads on these screws and in the case, so very deep that the screws fit the case so loosely they will rattle, and it is positively certain that when so adjusted and greased according to instruction, no amount of dampness will swell them so they will stick. We are now talking of what we positively know by experience. If propolis bothers you, all you will have to do is to cut the thread off the screw back about three-eighths of an inch, and all that trouble is avoided, but we have never had annoyance enough from that source to make it pay to do so. This brings me to a point of which I wish to make special mention. Nearly every bee-keeper fancies that bees gather more "glue" (propolis) in his locality than in almost any other. The facts are that nearly every locality furnishes all the bee glue and much more than the instinct of the bees induces them to gather. Nearly all the trouble arising trom the use of my new hive has grown out of improper construction or the fact that the bee-keeper couldn't let it alone as it is, but must make supposed "improvements," which in every single case have turned out sufficiently detrimental to lead him into some trouble which the one who used it in its pure and perfect construction didn't realise.

Dr. Tinker's report concerning my hive are reports about something he has never used in its entirety. He has used just such a hive as I never endorse, containing some of the features of my late invention, which I permitted him to use and sell for one year, at the end of which he saw fit to condemn. I offer no answer to his last article except to refer the reader to my former article on the same subject.

JAMES HEDDON.

We should perhaps say that the screws we used were not just such as Mr. Heddon speaks of; they worked loose enough however last season. The screws had been boiled in tallow all right though. The idea of cutting off the thread to prevent propolisation is one that has not occurred to us.

From the American Agriculturist.
BEE NOTES FOR JUNE.

F increase of bees alone is desired, it requires quite different management from that of raising a crop of honey. The amount of increase always governs the surplus crop. If this is allowed to reach its utmost limit nothing can be counted on in the way of surplus honey. The artificial process of increasing stock is doubtless far ahead of natural increase or swarming. The first step in preparing for artificial increase is the rearing of young queens. This should begin as early in the season as the weather will permit, and the number be governed by the amount of increase desired. If we succeed in securing fertile queens success is well nigh assured. The queen is the mother of the whole colony, lays all the eggs from which hatch workers, drones and queens. Having queens in readiness colonies may be divided up into as many parts as are desired, each division being supplied with a laying queen. If too many divisions are made at once they are weakened and will be some time in gaining strength. Each part should be strong enough to allow the queen plenty of comb in which to deposit eggs. It is better to divide a colony in only two parts at once, supplying the vacancies with empty comb or toundation, which is inserted between the brood combs, when the queen will at once fill them with brood. The parts thus divided will be ready to divide again in a few days, and so on, regulating the time for making those divisions according to the amount of bees and of brood just hatching or nearing maturity. If feeding is not resorted to, the amount of increase is more or less controlled by the honey flow; when it is of short duration the work can not progress so rapidly.

If honey is the sole object, little if any increase of bees should be allowed, though to obtain the best results in honey it is not necessary to strictly keep down all increase. We find at times where colonies are very strong that better results are obtained by dividing them, or, what may be better, if they are ready at the proper time to allow them to swarm. In doing this there is seldom need for more divisions. check increase or natural swarming keep removing all queen cells as fast as constructed by the bees. Another important point in procuring heavy crops of surplus honey is to give abundance of storage room. This not only secures the best crops, but it is a prevention of swarming or increase. There is much difference in the disposition of colonies. Some are inclined to swarm, and all efforts to prevent it are futile, while others seem to be satisfied to keep down to business. There is a never-failing remedy even for persistent swarmers, but we never feel like resorting to it until everything else fails. This is to take away their queen. It always holds them in check, at least until they raise another, which they will do if brood of the right age is left in the hive. We can in this way hold them eight or ten days; after which it will not be safe to remove the queen without furnishing them young brood from other colonies, or they will become discouraged and fall a prey to robbers. Where first swarms in such cases persist in issuing, they will do better to be hived separately-reinforced from other colonies, and followed up with surplus receptacles. The most important point is giving abundance of room at all times during the honey flow. This serves two important purposes. It not only discourages swarming, but is the key to large honey crops.

Fron Gleanings.

Use of Smoke in Setting Bees From t^{h®} Cellar.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS FROM G. M. DOOLITTLE.

"Gleanings" anything that will be more interesting to them than to tell them just what I have been doing for the past three or four hot days, which were the first warm days we have had this year. I know that this will be too late for any of you to put the same thing is practice this spring; but as it is fresh in my mind. I shall have to tell it now or it will be forgotten without doubt. The first thing to done, when warm weather is delayed till about the morning of the second warm day came I

went to the cellar and picked up a hive as carefully as I could, and carried it to the summer stand; but in spite of my care, the bees thought best to come out on the road, and then such a stinging and hissing as I had to endure while I carefully lowered the hive to its stand was not easy to bear. If the bottom boards to my hives were nailed fast this could be easily overcome; but as I prefer them loose for many reasons they are not. It did not take me long to remember that I used to have a little smoke with me on such occasions, so I went to the shop and got my wheelbarrow that has springs under it and the smoker, setting them near the outside door of the cellar. I then took a hive and set it on the wheelbarrow, and immediately blew a few Puffs of smoke under the hive, just enough to set the bees to roaring a little when I could wheel them to their stand, set them on the bottomboard, and regulate the entrance blocks before any of the bees could come out, so that, after this, I did not get a single sting in setting all the rest out. One other thing that a little smoke does is it makes the bees come out more slowly so that they do not rush out pell mell as they will sometimes on a warm morning, and thus much of the mixing we read about is avoided.

ROBBING STOPPED PROMPTLY.

As a part of my bees were wintered outdoors it was but natural that these should be looking around to see if there was not some honey they could get on this warm morning; so as a few of my small queen rearing colonies were light last fall, and still lighter in bees this spring, one strong colony went to robbing one of these little ones. I contracted the entrance to the little colony, so that but one bee could pass at a time, so that the honey could not all be carried off before night and left them. At night I carried them back to the cellar. The next day this same strong colony overcame another little one from the cellar, and I feared the strong one was going to do about as it had a mind to, when the thought struck me that when night came I would Carry this to the cellar, and leave it for a day or two and thus have it out of the way. At night I took this, and also the little one they were robbing, to the cellar and the next day I went in and took away all of the combs that the little ones could not care for, and placed the colony to one side of the hive. At four o'clock I set the little ones on their stands again, but fixed their entrance at the opposite end of the hive from what their combs were, as I told the readers of Gleanings" last summer, when I had such a time of robbing in hot weather. They seemed well satisfied with this arrangement, and the

next day I set the strong one out again. As soon as out they went for the little ones again, and it was with pleasure that I watched these little fellows catch each bee as it would alight, and pretend to sting it, till the robber was glad to retreat. Toward night all of the weaker colonies were treated as those two, and now I have no further trouble from robbing.

WINTERING IN THE CELLAR.

All the very weak ones, four in all, were not put out till I had united them, and I find the cellar a very good place to unite bees before they have been set out at all. In this way all have the same scent, so there is no quarreling, and by leaving them over night in the cellar they become as one colony before morning. This item I think quite a good deal of, when used in the following manner:-In the spring some one is almost always in a hurry for queens before I can raise any or even get my bees out of the cellar, and as I can almost always get quite a small nuclei wintered in the cellar to March and April, I can use these queens, and unite the bees as I have given above into one colony, or make as many of them as I choose. As some do not like these queens from small, or, as often called "dwindled colonies," I send the queens which are from the colonies wintered outdoors, and: then introduce those from the cellar to the colonies made queenless. It at first bothered me to find the queens in the cellar, as the light used is not so strong as daylight, but after a little I learned to place the light on something that was tall and slim, so that by holding the frame to be examined, on the opposite side of the light, I could bring the frame close up to it; and by waving it so that the strength of the blaze would touch all points, the queens were easily found. It is also best to have the light on the further side of the hive from where you stand, so if any bees take wing they will go from you toward the light, and not get on your clothing. Bees on one's clothing in the dark are not pleasant, as they will almost always get where you will pinch them, when they are sure to sting. This uniting of colonies in the cellar, two or three weeks before they are set out, seems to work to their benefit, rather than to their injury. for it sets them to breeding, so that, by the time they are set out, they will shave broad hatching, or about to hatch, and this in time to take the place of the bees which die of old age. However, I should not want them to breed earlier than three weeks before setting out.

G. M. DOOLITTLE ...

Borodino, N. Y., May 1st 1888.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

Liability of Clipped Queens to be Seperceded.

QUERY No. 190.—Are queens with one or both wings clipped as likely to be superceded as those without, when being introduced to other colonies?

ALLEN PRINGLE-Yes, and a trifle more so.

H. D. CUTTING—I cannot speak from experience

Dr. C. C. MILLER-I don't think it makes any difference.

G. M. DOOLITILE—Yes. Just about the same no more and no less, others to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROF. COOK—Just as likely and no more so, I think. I feel certain the condition of the wings, as to length, has nothing to do with it.

Dr. Duncan—The clipping of queens' wings does not injure or shorten their lives, nor prevent them being accepted when introduced into another colony.

]. F. Dunn—I believe that apiarists who practise clipping claim that queens so mutilated are in no more danger of being killed when introduced to colonies than those with perfect wings. When bees supersede a queen they usually rear queen cells while the old queen is still mistress, and occasionally this old queen and her daughter may be found jointly performing the duties of the hive. It is "a cold day" for the old queen, however, when the young princess gets her hand in.

Small Sections.

QUERY No. 191.—How small sections can bees be induced to store honey in without lessening the yield per colony?

Prof. Cook-Give it up.

J. F. Dunn-"Ax us an easier one."

H. D. CUTTING—One-half lb. is the smallest we have used.

Dr. Duncan—I don't know as I have never used any but the one pound sections.

ALLEN PRINGLE—I have never used but the two standard sizes, viz.: the Jones and the Langstroth.

- Dr. C. C. MILLER—It might take a good deal of experimenting to decide, and then what is true for one might not be for another.
- G. M. Doolittle—A man in Michigan says two ounces, but one and a quarter are small enough for all practical purposes, in my opinion, and sell just as well, all things considered.
- O. G. Russell.—Our comb honey is nearly all stored in two pound sections, and we have found after experimenting with smaller sizes, that any thing smaller lessens the yield. My experience has been that a strong colony will in a time when honey is coming in rapidly, fill a two pound section nearly as soon as they would a pound. With small colonies, and during a long protracted flow, when honey is coming in slowly, it does not make so much difference.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

A hive of bees belonging to Mr. Robert Martin, of Huron township, swarmed on Saturday, the 28th April. This is certainly the first of the season, and the earliest date on which we have heard of bees swarming in this section.—
Lucknow Sentinel.

SPRING REPORT FROM THE WELLINGTON APIARY.

A. Fyre.—It has been a cold and backward spring thus far for bees. Weak colonies and colonies short in stores have suffered consider ably. There are some heavy losses reported in West Wellington, mostly all from want of stores I carried my bees out of the bee-house on the 25th, 26th and 27th of April. All are in pretty good shape. Lost two nuclei and three colonies out of 107 from want of stores. Bees brought in first pollen on April 28th. I am well pleased with my success. I find that bee-keeping cannot be learnt in one day, and I do not think any person can make bee-keeping a success until they have met with a few misfortunes. It is by such mistakes that we will learn not to give up but stick to it. My bees were wintered in three different styles of hives—the Jones, Combination and one of my own construction similar to the Langstroth, I weighed all colonies last fall when put into bee-house, and again when I set them out. The average number of pounds consumed in each hive was: Jones, 8 lbs; Combination, 11, my own, 10. The Combination came out strong est both in bees and brood. This will account for the larger consumption of stores. I had one strong colony of Carniolan crosses in Jones hive which consumed only 4 lbs. I am pleased with the Canadian Bee Journal. I take five of the leading bee journals, and none of them suit my taste like the C. B. J. I think the proprietors are making a grand success of the JOURNAL "Our Own Apiary" must be very interesting to all. I think it is about time some of our Minto and Mount Forest bee-keepers were getting to work and organizing an Association for West Wellington.

Harriston, May 14th, 1888.

FASTENING FOUNDATION IN BROOD FRAMES.

C. W. GALE.—I observed query in a late number of the C. B. J. asking whether any one had used the saw-cut in their foundation. I may say that I used it last year on brood foundation. One of my neighbors lost a swarm by having the foundation sag, killing the queen. This set me devising some scheme to hold if in position. I found that I could do so by inserting it into the saw-cut. I used the Langstroth hive.

MOVABLE BOTTOM BOARDS

I should like to know whether it would not be a good thing to have the bottom boards on my hives movable, so that I could remove them in the winter time. I think of trying this another winter. I have seventeen colonies at present writing, though I put into winter quarters twenty-seven; seven of these, however, I did not expect would come through, so that I might count my actual loss but three. One of the three which succumbed had fifty rounds of nice honey. lefferson, Mo., May 17th, 1888.

We were quite well aware that foundation had been fastened into brood frames by means of the saw-cut. We make the Langstrotn top bars altogether with the saw cuts. The question we asked was whether or not any one had run saw cuts all round the inside of the Section to drop in the full size sheets of section foundation. As yet we have had no reply in the affirmative to our We take it, therefore, this plan has not been tried before. With reference to the question of movable bottom boards, we may say that you can do as you wish in the matter. There are many advocates that style of wintering bees, while there are just as many, probably a good many more, who prefer the bottom boards attached to the hives. As for ourselves, we have a decided preference for stationary bottom boards. Sufficient ventilation can be obtained through the entrance, and by using a small bent wire any dead bees which may have dropped to the bottom of the hive can be removed occasionally during the winter season.

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BERTON, ONTARIO, MAY 30, 1888.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

We have a lot of number two and three barrel. In estimating the price, we have calculated the same as for full gross lots, an allow-

have become a trifle soiled in handling, and some of the tins are somewhat rusty. We have probably 200 of such smokers. They are just as good as if they were clean and bright, for working purposes, but they do not look quite so well. We will consequently sell them at a reduction. Until they are disposed of we will accept 50 cents each for the No. 3 smokers and 75 cents for the No. 2, If wanted by mail add 24c. and 36c. respectively to these prices. In ordering these smokers please mention that they are from the job lot.

In ordering nails we must request our customers to add 10 per cent, to the prices as found in our catalogue, to meet the increase which has been made by manufacturers. In another column will be found the revised price list of wire nails and cut nails. This advance is the result of another of the combines which are at the present time agitating the members of Parliament now assembled at Ottawa. A bill is to be introduced which will do away with such combinations, so that it is possible before long we may be able to quote nails at our former prices.

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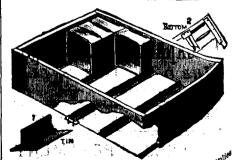
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June	1 00	2 00	3 00	0 60
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August		2 00		50
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