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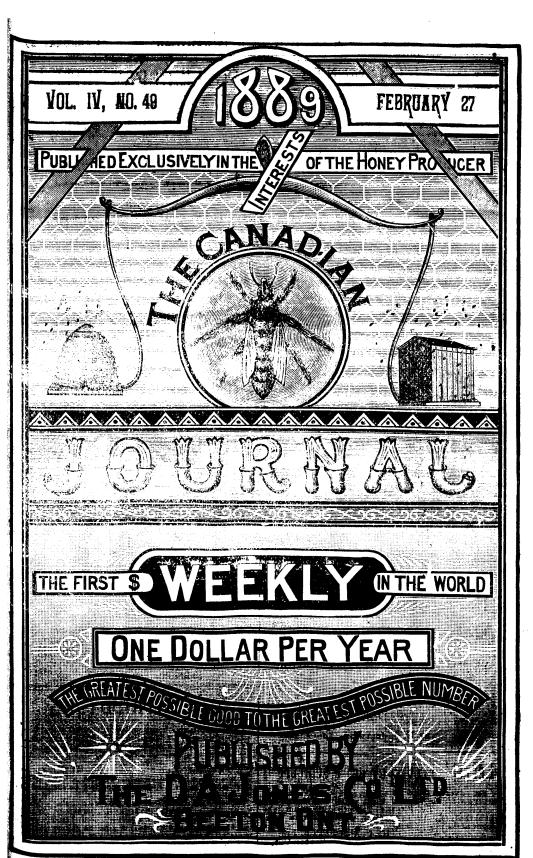
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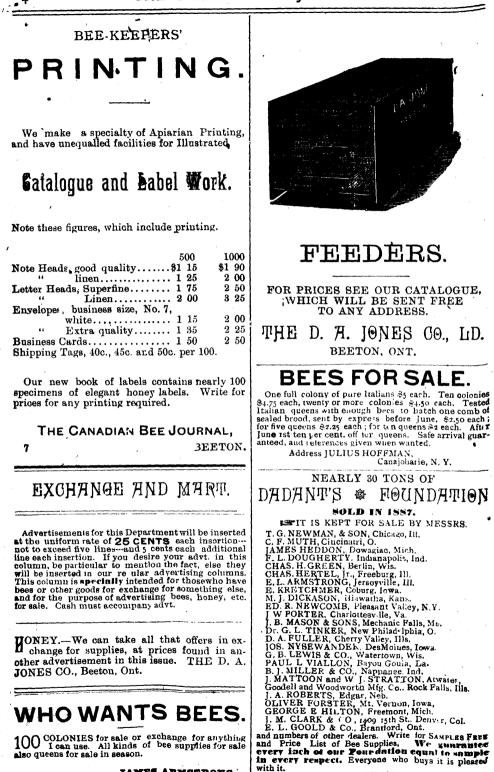
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EDITORIAL.

E are fortunate this week in having from both Mr. Clarke and Mr. Pringle reports of the "honeyed interests" at the late meéting of the Central Farmers' Insti-

tute. Both are well written and will be read with interest and profit.

From A. Leroy, editor of *Le Rucher*, an apicultural monthly published at Amiens, France, we have received a very fine varnished lithographed label $4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, suitable for the manilla cartons or pasteboard boxes, which are common in this country, and for which we designed the label used here almost exclusively. The sample received is gotten up after the same design as our production, the wording "Rayor Blanc de Miel" meaning "White Comb Honey." The paper used is somewhat heavier than our lithographers used and the work seems rather better done.

Ventura county, California, has a foul brood inspector in the person of L. E. Mercer, San Buena. He is appointed by the Board of Supervisers, and his expenses are paid by the county.

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Our bees are in good shape thus far, only one hive showing any sign of dysentery. The thermometer stands at 42 to 45 degrees right along.

THE BEE JOURNAL will likely reach its readers later than usual last week, owing to the stoppage of the train by the heavy storms of the last week.

A. I. Root struck the nail on the head when he said: "The great tendency with breeders is to run for color, i.e., 'nice yellow bees,' 'four-banded bees,' etc. What we want is not color, not bands, so much as bees for businessbees that will produce big crops of honey." This is the doctrine we have been preaching for years, and we have had so many grumbling because they didn't get bees "as pretty as a picture, Our reply has been " wait and see what : kind of honey-gatherers you have got." The end of the season generally found them pretty well pleased. We repeat, we don't care a fig for color or bands; if it is honey we are after.

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We have overlooked acknowledging the receipt of G. M. Doolittle's "Method of Rearing Early Queens," published by E. L. Pratt, Marlboro', Mass., the editor of the new bee paper the Queen-Breeders' Journal. The price is five cents, and the little pamphlet will be found well worth it.

After considerable unnecessary delay in the Customs, the copy of "Langstroth Revised" sent us for review by the publishers, Messrs. Dadant, has come to hand. We will notice it in next issue. The following resolutions was presented and adopted at the recent meeting of the Wisconsin bee-keepers.

Resolved--By the bee-keepers of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that all city and town authorities be requested, when selecting trees for shade or ornamental planting, to give prominent place to basswood among their selections. The secretary was instructed to furnish the Horticultural Society with a copy of the resolution.

What the "common people" call a "bees' nest" was found the other day in a bush near Creemore. The lucky finder is said to have secured a washtub full of honey.

Writing to the B. B. J. Wm. McNally, of Glenluce, advocates putting apiaries on wheels as convenient for transportation to various fields of forage. He calculates that a bee-house on wheels for 24 hives could be built for about \$50 and states his intention of adopting this travelling hive system.

The New Text Book on Agriculture.

T seems to be pretty generally known that a text-book on agriculture, for use in our public schools, is now in course of preparation at the Ontario Agricultural College, two of the professors there having the matter in hand. We have already suggested that a chapter on apiculture be embodied in the work, and we would now impress upon the authors the necessity of placing the work in the hands of a first-class practical bee-keeper, one who can put his idea in easily understood shape, and who will boil down into a short space all the succinct rules and methods required by the novice to make a fair success of the business.

Our friends the horticulturists and fruit-growers of the Province also ask for space in the new text book for a chapter or chapters on fruit-growing.

As the preparation of the work is in able hands, we feel that all these things will receive due consideration and such space as each of them merit. From the Western Farmer.

Wisconsin Bee-Keepers' Association-

MEETING AT MADISON FEB. 7.

EE-KEEPERS, and those interested in the pursuit, numbering about 75, met, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.;

at 2 p.m., at the State Capitol-President Hatch called the meeting to hrder. A committee on nomination of officers for the ensuing year was appointed, consisting of Rev. T. E. Turner, Sussex, Frank McNay, Mauston, and Edwin Pike, Boscobel. While the committee retired for consultation, President Hatch read his annual address, which appears elsewhere in these columns.

The nominating committee reported the following ticket, which was on motion, unanimously elected: President, C. A. Hatch, Ithaca; Vice-President, Rev. H. A. Ointer, Madison, Secretary, J. W. Vance, Madison; Treasurer, M. J. Plumb, Milton.

Mr. Pike Boscobel, read a very able and interesting paper on "Wintering in a Bee-House," and gave detailed plans and specifications for its construction. He had uniform success in wintering his bees in such a house. After the reading of the paper he became the target of a volley of questions from those present.

Mr. Minick, of Richland County, read a paper entitled, "Bee-Keeping as a Speciality." Mr. M's. success as a specialist drew upon him also a running fire of interrogations, that drew from . him the true inwardness of conducting an apiary in a manner conducive to a large accumulation of profit.

Dr. Vance read a paper on "Some Points in Bee-Keeping," which elicited a good degree of discussion. Its object being to bring out the experience of bee-keepers was a success.

For the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

The O.B.K.A. at the Central Farmers' Institute.

AM sorry I did not know sooner that you expected some account from me of the delegation from the O.B.K.A. to the Central Farm-

ers Institute which met recently in Toronto. However, perhaps, "better late than never" applies in this case.

It was desired that all organizations in any

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branch of agriculture should be represented at the meeting in question. So the Dairy Fruit Growers and Bee-keepers Associations were duly invited to send one or more delegates. The invitation was not received prior to our meeting in Owen Sound. Hence the executive committee of the O.B.K.A. was consulted by correspondence, and it was agreed that the president and vice-president should be requested to represent the organization at the Institute, which they accordingly did. Mr. Emigh and I attended the sessions faithfully most of the three days during which they were held. We were cordially welcomed by the officers of the Institute, and beekeeping was duly recognised as "a branch of agriculture."

There was a great press of business, and the O.B.K.A. did not get a hearing until the second session of the third day. By the time our turn came. Mr. Emigh had found it necessary to take the train for home, so that I was left as delegate sole. I endeavored as briefly as possible to state the objects and position of the O.B.K.A. making prominent the fact that we regarded bee-keeping as one of the industries of the farm, and sought mainly to promote it as such. I also explained that the government had recognized our legitimate agricultural status, by an act of incorporation, and an annual grant of \$500. I also endeavored to show the possibilities of bee-keeping as an adjunct to the farm and large addition that might be made to the national revenue. if farmers would learn how to keep bees intelligently and profitably. I did not forget to state how Canada had figured at the Colonial and Indian exhibition, and that our honey had made its way into the British market side by side with our beef, cheese and other products. Mr. Allan Pringle, who was present, followed up my address with a few appropriate observations. The meeting listened very respectfully and attentively to both of us.

It was our intention to have tried to induce the Institute to take some action on excessive railroad charges in freighting bees and honey, but this design was frustrated. Mr. Allan, of 'Goderich, the noted fruit grower, had promised a paper on "Ocean and Railroad Freights," and was down on the program for that duty. We expected to bring the matter up in connection with his paper. But, unfortunately, Mr. Allan did not put in an appearance. His part was postponed from day to day in hope that he would be on hand. It was the fag end of the meeting when our turn to speak came, and though the attendance was nearly as large as it had been at any time, things were being rushed through by a time table, adjournment having been decided on by a certain hour. It was useless under those circumstances, to attempt the introduction of new business which would have required discussion, reference to the committee on legislation, and a report prior to taking action.

The presence of a delegate from the O.B.K.A. and the addresses made on behalf of the honey interest were the means of bringing our industry conspicuously before the finest' representative body of practical farmers ever convened in the Province of Ontario, so that we hope the efforts made will not be altogether without fruit in days to come.

Wm. F. Clarke, Pres. O.B.K.A.

Guelph, Feb. 16th, 1889.

For the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

The Farmers' Institutes and Bee-Culture.

EING in attendance at the Annual Convention of the Central Farmers' Insti-6 tute in Toronto a week or two ago I was pleased to meet delegates there from the O.B.K.A., viz., President Clarke and Vice-President Emigh. I regretted, however, that the convention was so crowded with its own legitimate work (much of it remaining nn. finished) that there was but little time to listen to the bee-keepers. However, friend Clarke did get an opportunity the last day and last session to speak for them, and managed to get a good deal out in a short time. Friend Emigh was not present, and through the intercession of friend Clarke your humble servant got the privilege of speaking just three minutes, in behalf of our favorite industry. This was more than we could reasonably expect under the circumstances, and was quite long enough to give to a man whom nature never fitted with a tongue limber enough for that special business. And although the Lennox Farmers' Institute were well aware of that fact, they, nevertheless, insisted on sending him there as a delegate. He managed, however, to get his duty done fairly well without much tongue) as brother Clarke can witness) and actually succeeded in getting in a little extra work.

There are 71 Farmers' Institutes in Ontarid, all of them represented at the Toronto Convention. Now, it so happened that every one of these Institutes was muzzled previous to that Convention—that is, they were not at liberty to discuss certain economic questions of vital interest to them, and all because the political parties had taken hold of these questions each

pulling "the other way." Now, I am in favor of free speech every time, and steadfastly decline to be bound as a slave in any shape or manner. Accordingly, when our Institute determined that I must go to represent them I inwardly determined that should I return from Toronto without casting off that yoke which the Central put upon us it would be no fault of mine. Without consulting anybody (not even my co-delegate) or asking anybody's assistance, I introduced a resolution which, though strongly opposed, was ultimately carried, giving free speech to every Institute in the Province. This was extra work not on the programme and I naturally took a little pride in it.

Furthermore, the fact was prominently brought out during the discussion on "Agricultural Education" that an agricultural text book for use in the public schools was being prepared by competent professors of agriculture at the O. A. College of Agriculture. Since returning home I have put myself in communication with them, urging that as apiculture is a legitimate branch of agriculture no text book on the latter would be complete without including at least the elements of the former, and I have assurance from them that the matter shall not be lost sight of.

ALLEN PRINGLE.

Selby, Ont., Feb. 18th, '89. *P. S.* I was glad also to meet Mr. A. Glendenning, of Manilla, at the Convention, who was, I think, a delegate from the Dominion Grange. Those who were present at the Bee-Keepers' meeting in Toronto, at which the presentation was made to Messrs. Cowan and Young will remember the incident of Mr. Glendenning being requested to stand up to show that a Canadian could beat any Norwegian in giant stature. A. P.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. THE HIVE I USE.

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THE hive I prefer is known as the Hilton Chaff Hive. My reasons for such prefer-9]6 ence are :-- 1. A chaff hive gives better results in this locality than any other that has ever come under my observation, because, (a) Bees winter better in them than in any other hive. (b) Spring dwindling is almost unknown among bees wintered out-doors in chaff hives. I. H. Larrabee strikes the nail squarely on the head, in the January number of the Api. He says, "The great business-like air of those wintered in chaff, to my mind contrasting favorably in spring consumption of stores with those cellar wintered colonies that are so apt to boil out in all sorts of weather, rearing more brood than

they can cover, and are always coveting their neighbors' honey." (c) Bees wintered out-doors build up faster in the spring and are consequently in better shape for the first honey flow-Changes of temperature affect the bees less than in single walled hives. During the past season-I had the care of 125 colonies in Bingham hives-(closed end frames) and had a fair chance to compare the two hives. We are subject to very sudden changes of temperature here in summer, as well in winter and I invariably found that acool night drove the bees from the sections over the Bingham hive, while those in the chaff hive were undisturbed. (e) The hive admits of tiering up and the supers are thoroughly protected from sun and rain, and the consequent swelling and shrinking is avoided. (f) The brood nest is just the right size, taking eight L frames. (g) The hive is cheap, easily constructed, and when painted is neat and attractive.

R. E. ASHCRAFT. Fremont, Mich, Feb., 1889.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. FLAVOR OF MANITOBA HONEY.

S regards the flavor of the honey produced by the different kinds of bloom, about which you make enquiry, I am afraid my

knowledge is very incomplete. Being sovery busy when the bees are busy has prevented me making investigations which were on the programme, but which I hope to make in the near future. However, by giving the little already gleaned now, may suffice until next time.

We get a'little basswood honey, just enough to influence the color and flavor of other sorts coming in at the same time. The flavor of this combination is such that I have never seen a subject under treatment turn his back to itthat is, not right away. The color of the amber honeys is likewise improved—if being brighter is an improvement.

At Bird's Hill, five miles away, where I first located, there are two kinds of mint which appeared to give the bees a good deal of work. One is called wild sage, used by some for seasoning; the other didn't have any name. Italians took honey from both, the hybrids from the latter. The sage had a deep corolla and I suppose the hybrids didn't have finstruments long enough to work it. The honey was inclined to be bright and of very fine flavor. That was four years ago, and the exact flavor has almost receded from tongue and memory, but I feel inclined to say there was just a shade of mint flavor noticeable, if one were expecting it.

Golden-rod seems to give about as much surf plus as anything else and comes in the latter half of August when we have our greatest honey flow. All the fall flowers try to give honey then and some succeed generously. As it comes from the extractor it is a rich amber color with a flavor of a decided golden-rod accent.

Localities, of course, vary here too. In southwestern Manitoba basswood gives a surplus, some of the finest-looking comb honey I have seen came from there, but I wasn't close enough to it to say what the flavor was, but am willing to stake my reputation as a connoisseur that one could eat it, taken along with some bread and butter.

What is the quality of the honey here compared with that of other places? Well, I don't care for it myself-not now. Why, is it not good ? Well, yes-but-say, I'll tell you how it was, since you have cornered me. When I started bee-keeping out here I didn't have a "queen bee" to look after my domestic affairs, hence said affairs were very often, if not continually, abridged, and as a result it was very convenient to have honey at about three of the meals in a day on between three and four hundred days in the year. As an article of diet it was very handy (didn't need cooking), very excellent (so it seemed then), and very plentiful. Milk was conspicuously present, and I felt that it was indeed "a valley that flowed with milk and honey." This condition of affairs was too. sweet to last, so it didn't last. That's why I don't care for honey. I may just add parenthetically that I have no' " queen bee" yet and am thinking of advertising for tenders.

Customers very often say: I want some more of your honey; I like it better than the imported honey. I smile and look wise but don't say anything. This occurs so repeatedly that I begin to think there must be something in it. Our honey appears to be thicker than yours. I will send you a sample taken the middle of August and you can give us a "bird's eye view" of it. This is not the best, but a sample of the only lot left unsold.

Fernton, Man.

C. F. BRIDGMAN.

For the Canadian BEE JOURNAL. THE BEE'S TONGUE-PROPER NAMES.

AM glad to see the busy bee defended, but hadn't we better stick just a little to common sense? On page 926 C. B. J. is quoted an article on "The Bee's Tongue" in which is used an argument that I have seen elsewhere, that the bee's tongue is too soft to pierce a grape and then it is said, "This should settle, once for all, the vexed question of the ability of the bee to injure

fruits." By the same process of reasoning we might prove that no man can eat an apple because his tongue is too soft. You and I know that however soft the tongue of a bee may be, its jaws are hard enough to graw quite a bit on a pine stick, and I have seen a wooden separator, where it was unusually thin, gnawed away by the bees to the extent of half an inch. I don't believe that bees are guilty, but I think the argument you quoted is nonsense, don't you Mr. Editor?

Last fall I had many grapes and many bees and neither one disturbed the other, although the bees were scarce of forage and ready to rob wherever they had a chance, but I don't know of their disturbing a grape whereas other years they were thick on them. Is it not probable that there was, last fall, a scarcity or utter absence of the insects that put cture the grapes for the bees.

"A Hallamshire Bee-Keeper" in a late C. B. J. calls attention to some words which he thinks need to be used differently. There is no little need of attention to this, and I am glad to see any one bring us up with a sharp turn, but I wish he had told us why colony, tier, L. frame, and T super are not correct. Perhaps he will favor us. With regard to the T super, "over here" a man is generally allowed to name his own baby. But probably he thinks "L rest super" more correctly expresses what the thing is. If that is so Mr. Hallamshire Bee-Keeper, will your please tell us how you read the name. How do you pronounds 1? If you call it T, then why not write it T Or do you call it an "inverted T rest super?" But if you object to T super because it does not give the name in full, then is it not better to go a little farther and call it an "inverted Tshaped tin rest super?

I don't exactly see the connection between these things and untrimmed journals, and I feel a little puzzled by his saying that if a British publisher cut his papers he would have increased postage to pay. I get two British bee journals which come regularly cut. Now do those publlished make a specialty of my case and pay extra postice because they think one so far in the "wild West' can't cut the leaves? Or how is it?

Then, my Hallamshire friend, you have a word to suy about "nom des plumes." (Sometimes "over here" that's written noms de plume). You say "Over here a man is supposed to be vain, egotistical, or with an eye to the 'main chance,' who uses his name." I'm glad that isn't the rule over here, but if you please, will you tell me if all the real names I see in the journals from the mother country belong to men who have the reputation of being such as you describe? Bus I'm glad to hear from you, anyhow.

Mr. Editor, please print at the bottom of this

"A Sucker Bee-Keeper" (and explain that "Sucker" means an inhabitant of Illinois) on all the copies that cross the ocean, and those that stay over here can be signed merely

Marengo, Ill.

C. C. MILLER.

Present Condition of Bees and Their Prospects.

ROM the British Bee Journal, for which our friend Pringle has consented to correspond, we clip the subjoined item, dated January 15th 1885 written by him.

In Canada bees are mostly wintered in cellars, except amongst the "old-timers," who still cling to the "old box hive." and leave their bees standing out all winter on summer stands. The English reader may wonder why, in our usually severe Canadian winters, the bees so exposed do not die off. It is a mystery, but my explanation, is this :- In the first place, the extractor cannot reach them, and the consequence is, as the hives are usually large, there is an abundance of bees and of good, well capped honey on hand in the fall with which to face the winter. As the after-swarms and weak colonies are "taken up" in the fall, only the strongest are left for winter. In the next place the tops of the hives and all openings except the entrance are hermetically sealed with propolis, thus preventing the upward escape of the heat. And finally, the stores are properly located in the hive, above and laterally surrounding the cluster, rendering access easy and conserving the heat. The naturally built combs in boxhives where no foundation or artifical guides have been inserted 1 have frequently noticed in very old colonies which had braved many a hard winter, to converge more or less regularly from the four sides of the hive to the centre, when there would be more or less of an open space left for clustering. These are, in my opinion, the chief reasons why the box-hive bees manage to get through a winter in the open air without special protection when the thermometer is perhaps half of the time for two or three months below zero. The present condition of the bees outside and in is apparently all right so far from inquiries in different directions. But the critical time is yet to come. and I anticipate considerable loss of bees before the first of May from two causes, one of them usual enough, the other special and unusual. The one is deficient stores; the other, granulated honey, Shortage of winter stores usually follows a failure of the honey crop, as the feed. I

ing is generally inadequately done. The comb honey of the past season has been granulating both inside the hives and and in the storerooms and shops to an extent never before krown, at least, in my long experience. I would like to know if this also has occurred in trans-Atlantic countries. Of course the bees cannot live on candied boney, and I fear fatal results in many places. In cases even where the apiarist was cognisant of the evil in the fall, and thought he had made all safe by removing the candied frames and substituting the normal ones, there is still danger, for the granulation has been going on even in warm cellars, while in lower temperatures it has no doubt been worse. Wherever there is any suspicion of the evil, whether in a Canadian or English yard, an examination ought to be made. In warm repositories a supply of water might do much. good. This can be readily done by placing a piece of wet sponge in the entrance, when the bees, if in need of water, will soon sip it up.

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BEE-KEEPING.

HE bee-keeping industry has rapidly developed of late years in Ontario. It is a most attractive and lucrative business and

the fact that it can be carried on successfully in connection with another calling, when added to its many charms, makes it a highly popular pursuit. There are throughout our Province multitudes of men and women, who, in addition to their ordinary labors, can find plenty of time to care for a few colonies of bees, and gain from this occupation, many of the great blessings of life. Caring forf"nature's pets" will give health to the body, pleasure to the senses and food for thought to the mind, at the same time adding materially to the income.

But bee-keeping is not merely a business to be carried on as an offset to some regular employment. It is in itself capable of absorbing all the thought and time of anyone devoted to it. There is in its pursuit, room for the deepest thought and broad fields of research and experiment for the most scientific mind. To the lover of nature there can be nothing more animating and soulinspiring, than to watch the beautiful labors of these busy, systematic workers.

Let us visit the apiary of our friend Mr. C. McInally who has made a specialty of bee-keeping for several years. Stretching before us, in perfectly straight rows, on a smooth, grassy level are nearly three hundred hives of bees. It is in the month of June and the myriads of bright golden workers are rapidly gathering in

the nectar from the profuse bloom of alsike 'Clover, fields of which lie close at hand. The air is literally swarming with bees, whose murmur reminds one forcibly of the busy city. The little fellows are going and coming as fast as they can. No time must be lost ; every one must do all he can. As the heavy laden ones come in they drop upon the alighting board, which is close to the ground. and after a few panting breaths, hurry into the entrance of the hive to *store away their loads of precious nectar. And what a wonder is there inside that hive. Nature in all her wonderful realm has nothing else to 'Compare with this (the ant excepted). The system and method, the regularity and perfection shown by the honey-bee in its labors are unexcelled. The comb in which the brood is reared and the honey stored, is perfect in every way. The nectar, changed into honey in its passage from the flower to the cell is superior to any other sweet. And the internal economy of the hive shows the simplest and best form of constitutional government. There we find a queen enthroned, but holding her power at the will of her subjects. She leads the labors in the hive by laying the eggs from which the brood is batched. She issues her mandates and is immediately obeyed. She receives the homage of all the inhabitants of her domain, and is waited upon and attended at her pleasure. When the swarming impulse affects her subjects she yields to their will, and leads off a part of them to another field of labor, leaving the parent hive well stocked with brood and a young queen to succeed her.

While we are watching the uniform activity going on all around us in the apiary, and listento our friend Mr. McInally as he relates these truths just mentioned and many other wonderful things concerning the bee, our attention is attracted by a sound entirely different from that which the bees have heretofore been making, and looking about we see not far away an unusual stir about the entrance of a certain hive. As we watch the bees flying quickly in and out of this hive we are impressed with the fact that something extraordinary is taking place in the little kingdom before us. And so there is, for all at once with a great rush and hub-bub out tolls a seething mass of bees. Without fear of being stung we walk right along under them as they rise in the air. Soon they begin to settle upon the branch of a little shrub and before long are nanging in a quiet bunch. Mrs. M. quietly shakes them into his swarming box, quickly carries them to a new hive ready to receive them Carefully empties them in front of it on the ground, watches them closely to see that the

queen enters her new quarters, and then leaves them to go on with their work which is at once begun. And now, having looked all about the neat, business-like apiary, with its nicely painted hives, we are invited to enter the honey-house which stands almost in the centre of the grassy plot. Here we find two men busily engaged in extracting the honey from the combs which have recently been removed from the hives. In another apartment we find rows of large tin cans brimming full of the honey which comes from the extractor. Mr. M. informs us that he usually takes about one hundred and fifty pounds of honey from each colony, with an increase of one hundred per cent. in his stock of bees each year. With two hundred colonies he last year (1887) cleared over \$2,000. Leaving the honey-house after feasting upon the delicious liquid sweet, we pass over to the bee-hive factory close at hand. Everything here shows us that an extensive business is being carried on. With machinery of every description necessary to make all kinds of apiarian supplies, Mr. McInally is turning out a quality of goods not to be surpassed.

And now bidding our unassuming friend good-day we are sorry to leave one of the pleasantest spots it has ever been our good fortune to spend a few hours in.

This bee business of Mr. McInally's has been produced by the natural growth in six years of about twenty hives of bees with which he began. He has now a yearly income from this source of from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Here then is an example of what may be done in this business of keeping bees. If more of our people in honey-producing Ontario would give some of their sons or daughters an education as apiarists instead of trying to make doctors, lawyers, music teachers etc. of them, it would add much to the strength and sinew of our Province, make tewer failures in life and develop among us more of those sterling virtues; which only close contact with nature can canse to expand.

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SPRING POETRY.

NOTE the almost entire absence of two things common about this time of year, namely, spring chickens and spring poetry.

It occurs to me that I should do something to supply a palpable deficiency in the supply of the latter." I have accordingly roped off a sard or two of it to meet a felt want. As this is my first effort; I have a claim upon your space, so don't I beseech you smother my little bantling

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in the waste basket. Probably you will have to read it over two or three times before you can fully appreciate its merits. Note if you please how nicely "breezes" chimes with "bees'es, and what a musical jingle "mason" makes with "basin". These are but samples of its many excellencies.

> We wait thee gentle spring, We enjoy thy balmy breezes; We pine to hear thee sing Our pets, the little beeses; Then come fair fragrant spring, Friend Clarke, he waits to see The trowel-ended sting, Unsheathed and bright and free. He hopes returning spring Will prove by his own testing, That hibernation is the state, Of bees in winter resting; Quiescence is the word Explains their drowsy sleep, No matter how he's slurred. He'll this opinion keep. Come fresh and blooming spring, lones sits with hands extended To rake the shekels in For capital expended In sections, hives and frames, In bellows, veils and smokers ; The quality and price he claims Will stop the chronic croakers. He waits approaching spring To show "Doubting Thomas" Mason That Beeton's basswood rains Down honey in a basin. Bright sunny days of spring We all await thy coming ; Emigh, Hall and Holterman Would hear the bees a humming. To brighten up their joys, And make their pulse go bounding, Then fancy freely toys With extractors a-sounding; To see the honey flow In streams of liquid beauty, From tins and taps and so, Be up and do your duty. For balmy breezy spring Is certainly a-coming, And bees on joyous wing Will soon be out a-humming. NRMO.

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For the sake of our health will Nemo please not do it again.

From the American Bee Journal.

VENTILATION.

I wish to write of two things which do not agree with my own experiments; the first is, the ventilation of bee-cellars, and the other, crating honey upside down.

VENTILATING BEE-CELLARS.

Mr. Doolittle tells us that his bees winter, and have wintered, nicely for a number of winters, without any ventilation of his bee-cellar. This we have no reason to doubt, as Mr. D. is held

in high esteem by Lee-keepers; but we must consider the different circumstances, and the way Mr. Doolittle puts his hives into the cellar; also the make-up of the cellar itself compared with those of most of the other bee-keepers.

In the first place, a great majority use hives with tight bottom-boards, and therefore they cannot remove them when they store the hives in the cellar, and have only the hive-entrance for ventilation, instead of a suspended cluste with circulating air all around it, as with Mr. D's. way. This, of course, accounts largely for the differences of cellar ventilation; also for the difference of the best degree of temperature for the bees, in ordinary bee-cellars.

I would estimate that bees suspended in the hives without bottom-boards, would winter better in the same cellar with from 6° to 10° higher temperature, than bees with only an entrance in the hive $\frac{2}{3} \times 12$ inches; and bees suspended can surely stand it better without ventilation of the cellar, than those in a hive with the bottom-board on, as the former have more free air around the cluster; but the number of colonies plays a big part in the matter.

If Mr. D. had 150 to 200 colonies in his cellar instead of only 50, he would find that the ground on the sides and top of his cellar is not porous enough to supply sufficient pure air for them all; and would be glad that he made ventilators which he could open the same as I do, this mild winter, and keep the bees healthy.

I am convinced that pure air, with the right temperature in a bee-cellar, has more to do with the safe wintering of bees than anything elser not excepting honey-dew or other unsuitable food, although good sealed honey is the best winter food for bees, no matter what the "sugar man" says.

Thielmanton, Minn.

C. THIELMAN.

Read &t the Wisconsin Bee-Keepers' Association by the President.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON OF 1888.

NCE more, fellow bee-keepers, are we permitted to give you greeting; once more, at the beginning of the new year, do we meet to exchange ideas, renew social ties, report

and fix plans for the future; while our busy workers are snugly stowed in well provisioned hives. Either in cellars or double-walled hives, where blizzards may howl or thermometers freeze, they are snug and comfortable.

THE SEASON-Although not what could be called a good one, has been far from a failure. The diligent and persistent bee-master has had teed for winter stores.

YIELDS.—Basswood yielded a fair crop, and, think, the fall flow was up to the average; over yielded but sparingly, and where this is the main source of surplus, a very short crop as harvested. In our county there was a new burce of nectar, from black oak trees, which ave us a fair crop in the fall, of honey that is ther above the average for the season in quality. Whether it will continue another season or whether it is good for winter stores, time only can tell. Being of insect origin, we can but view it with some suspicion, and feel more or as anxious about the result until May shall decide it.

The CROP—Has been, on the whole, about one-half the usual amount, which is not an unmixed evil, for it favors better prices and we have less honey to handle to get the same money, and it will also give us a bare market to begin the year 1889 on, which is cheering for the outlook for prices.

THE LESSONS TAUGHT-By the year 1888 e: 1. Energy and skillful management will Min, even in a poor season. 2. It is important that each bee-man shall do all that lies within his means to increase the kind and area of his Pasturage. The lumbermen are fast destroying our basswood forest, and we ourselves are also "killing the goose that lays the golden egg" by Using so much basswood for sections, which is hastening the time when this source will be cut off or materially shortened. Let us take heed, then, ere it is too late, to avoid this coming evil. A little can be done by setting basswood trees Ourselves for shade and ornament, encouraging Others to do so, and much can be done by sowing white and alsike clover. I am of the opinion that a bee-keeper can afford to give the seed of the latter to his neighbors rather than not have it sown. Sweet clover may do well in some Parts of the State sowed on the roadside, and is much to be preferred to the common ragweed, Which is but a nuisance and an eyesore at all times.

Another lesson taught by the last two seasons is, it seems to me, not to depend entirely on our bees for a business; or in other words carry on some other business in connection with beekeeping. Bee-keeping is of necessity a rural pursuit, being but poorly suited to closely settled communities. Hence each bee-master should own his farm, which makes him more independent of neighbors for pasturage, for I have noticed that there is more or less jealousy when one's bees are at all times compelled to forage on others' land. Even though this foraging be a

benefit, the owner does not always look at it as such.

If each bee-keeper owns a farm, it is but just and proper that it should be made productive. To this end he may engage in fruit growing, selecting such kinds as will not interfere with his regular business, and what, pray, is he to do with his time in the winter when bees need but little attention, if he does not engage in some kind of stock-growing? Sheep farming just supplies this need, requiring but small attention in summer and giving profitable employment in winter.

THE NEW IDEAS—Of 1888 have not been as markéd aş in some other years, nor, perhaps, as numerous. Open-sided sections have been strongly advocated by some, and as strongly condemned by others. T supers have been tried in many places for the first time, and with varying results. The Heddon hive has had another trial, and its many friends accord it more laurels, while its enemies see nothing new in it to admire, which proves that the standard hives have solid merit, are hard to displace, and that more depends upon the man than the hives he uses.

At the last meeting of the North American Society, it was voted to make it a delegate or representative body. Therefore it falls to our lot, if we would be represented, to appoint a delegate. Then the question arises, how are his expenses to be met? If we can find a "victim" who is willing to go and pay his expenses, well and good, but if not, what then?

Another point I would like to urge on each and every one, is the importance of joining the Bee-Keepers' Union. It is conducted especially for our benefit, and we should not withhold the weight of our influence and the small amount required to keep membership.

Ithaca, Wis.

С. А. НАТСН.

QUERIES AND REPLEIS.

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.

INVERTIBLE HIVES.

QUERY 220—What real advantages are to be gained by an invertible hive. 2— Will these advantages be equal to the extra expense of making a hive invertible? 3—What do you think of spread.

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ing of brood by inverting? 4-Do vou think a moveable side for a hive an advantage, and will the expense be repaid by the greater ease of manipulating frames?

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BOBODINO, N.Y.-I. Not any. 2. No. 3. Can be done better another way. 4. No.

W. M. BARNUM, ANGELICA, N.Y.-I, 2 and 3. Absolutely none. 4. I do not ; the less movable fixtures we can have around a hive the better.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.-1. I.don't know of any from actual practice, but I never tried them. 4. At times it would be an advantage, but not enough I think to pay.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.-I. With my management, not any. 3. How will you do it? 4. Not for a hanging frame with a standing frame, it is a slight advantage.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY.---I. Getting more combs fastened at the bottom as well as the top. 2. No. 3. Nothing gained. 4. No, unless in the closed end Quinby hive in which the sides must be movable.

EUGENE SECOR. FOREST CITY, IOWA .--- I. About the only advantage I can see is to get the frames well filled with comb. 2. I doubt it. 3. My limited experience with inverting has failed to convince me that the brood increased enough faster to pay for the bother. 4. No, I am not in favor of movable sides.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT .--- I. Don't know. 2. I think not. 3. It very likely would work well if properly done. Have never tried it as I lost the bees in the Heddon hive the last two winters. May have a chance to try this spring. 4. Only in getting out the first comb when the hive is full. 5. I think not.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH .-- I. I have found them an aid in getting bees into sections, in getting combs fastened all around, and in controlling swarming. 2. I think so. 3. Aids in sending bees into sections and so late does no harm. 4. No-no.

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND,-1. Those who have experimented with invertible hives are best able to answer. I have not used them and am not likely to, till I have further proof of their is one of the "fads" that has about run its time. 4. It may or it may not. Such hives have not been long enough in use to decide the question.

WM. McEvor, Woodburn .--- 1. Little or none 2. No. 3. I don't like the plan. My experience In the forbids me to do any more such work. spring if every colony has plenty of both bees and honey they will be just right and will do much better if left alone. I don't like the brood nest turned upside down, spread, tinkered with, or any other monkey tricks played with it. 4. No.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass ... I. Note whatever that I can see. 2. Of course not, in my judgment. 3. It don't work well with my self. 4. I do not. I don't want any hive that obliges me to take out several frames before I can get the one I want. It is not a question of expense at all, but a moveable side will cause much extra labor.

ALLEN PRINGLE. SELBY, ONT .--- I. There are not many advantages merely from inverting that I have been able to discover. I sometimes invert to get the combs completed, and some times as an aid in suppressing swarming, and sometimes to get the honey carried above out of the brood chamber. 2. I think not. 3. Spread. ing of brood is not necessarily a consequence of accompaniment of inversion. 4. Not sufficient advantage to pay extra expense.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANSBURG, Ky.-1 have tried invertible hives and now have some in use, and I have found no advantage in the 3. I practice of inversion. 2. I think not. 4. The think it is a positive disadvantage. movable side to a hive looks better in way of No hive theory than it does in actual practice. or no plan of hive works as well as a plain solid Under box, after the first frame is removed. some circumstances the first frame is a little tronblesome to remove, but taking everything into consideration less time is consumed in hand. ling combs heavily stocked with bees in a plain, tight hive body. When you open the movable side of a hive crowded with bees they will boil over the edges, run into the joints and in a word give trouble.

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, OHIO.-I. One advantage is in getting the combs built firmly to top and bottom of frames, which with me in getting extracted honey is quite an item. An other advantage is in getting frames filled with superior advantages. 3. Don't believe in spread- brood, and induce the bees to carry unsealed ing brood by inverting or any other method. It honey into supers. 2. I think they will, but the

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Pense insn't all that's to be considered. Conlience in manipulating is about the first thing be thought of. I prefer a veritable hanging the Mr. Howe's method suits me the best of by method I've seen yet. 3. I was not aware at brood was spread by inverting. 4. Not for be Should prefer an immovable side even if it be more than a movable.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGAIC, MICH .--- I have found the advantages of inverting brood combs to pay well for the extra expense in construction and anipulation. 1. It fills the frames solid full of which is a great advantage when handling, catting off the hiding places for bees. It also lives a little more capacity to the same sized tive. Of course it is better to have the whole Chamber reversible at once. I shall never make tother frame that is not reversible by the case. do not consider inverting, spreading brood. Never make a movable side to a bee hive. For ore than 25 years movable sides have been dopted from time to time and as often discarded. bo not use the word invertible but rather rever-Nole. Look in your dictionary and you will find that the word invertible means just the reverse hom what you think.

Leaving Entrance to Second Story Open

QUERY 221.—If I put on a queenexcluding board in the height of the boney flow and then top storey, would it be any gain to leave the entrance to top hive open?

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.-I think not.

8. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.-I think not.

DR. C. C. MILLEB, MABENGO, ILL.-I doubt it.

WM. MCEVOY, WOODBUBN .--- I think so.

J. K. DABLING, ALMONTE, ONT.-Don't know, aver tried it.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.-No, I prefer beep it shut.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBOBO, Mass.—I do not blink it would, in fact I do think it would be a detriment.

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE.—My experience ads me to think that such an opening is a positive injury.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.-No, keep it closed. The field bees do not deposit honey in the comb but give it to the young bees, so need no upper entrance.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—If the weather be warm and the honey flow good I see no objection to an entrance in the upper hive. But if honey is coming slow and the weather cool I should prefer to have only one entrance.

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.—Never used queen excluders. Don't see much advantage in them. If the body of the have be sufficiently roomy there is little annoyance experienced by the queen going up. Have tried leaving the entrance to the top stories open, have found that bees leave, but rarely enter by them. There may be a little saved timeby doing so.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—No. My experiments satisfy me that there is more loss through inconvenience than is in any way gained by giving the bees more entrances.

W. M. BABNUM, ANGELICA, N·Y.—It is immaterial. The only gain would be in time—and not enough of that to amount to anything. On the whole, I think I would use the lower entrance exclusively.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—It might be some gain should the bees avail themselves of your top entrance to any great extent, but they seldom do according to my experience. They seem to consider the longest way round the best, whether the safest or not.

G. W. DEMARKE, CHRISTIANSBURG.—1. No, I object to more than one entrance to the hive. I don't wait till the height of the honey flow to put on the excluders, they should be put on at the beginning of the honey harvest. The reason I object to more than one entrance to the hive is the bees are hard to control when you wish to confine them to the one entrance after the honey season is over.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

GOOD REPORT FROM MT. FOREST.

J. H. DAVISON.—Bees doing well at present; very quiet and very few dead bees. Mount Forest, February 1, 1809.

BEES AS SUGAR TESTERS.

LONDON Lancet.—Though to the human palate cane sugar, beetroot sugar, and saccharine, are pretty much alike, it is said that bees are much more discriminative. They will have nothing to do with either of the last named two substances. Glycerine they will take only, however, it is said if it be pure.

For bee-keepers to melt up good combs and use comb foundation, seems to me to be ruinous. Combs for extracting improve with age, for several years, when well cared for, as they grow tougher and are not as liable to break in handling. If on melting combs you get one-half as many speets of foundation as you had combs, you would do well. Combs can be kept clean and nice easier than they can be cut out of frames, to say nothing of melting and melting and making foundation. Three cents worth of brimstone, and a very little time, will keep the moth from a thousand frames of brood. All the surplus we obtained in these parts this season was from drawn combs, in sections or extracting combs. It was obtained before June 25, and not a particle of foundation was drawn out in the brood-Where would we chamber or surplus case. have been had we destroyed our combs !--[G. H. Asney in A. B. J.

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CLEANING OLD HONEY TINS.

For cleaning old honey tins that are a little rusty inside. *Gleanings* answers a correspondent thus:

"I do not know any better way to clean honey-cans where the opening is too small for the hand to go inside, than to put in some coarse sand, and shake it about until it scours off the rust. If you can get your hand through the opening take some coarse sand on a cloth and scour it bright."

In the latter case Mrs. Macpherson suggests the use of Pearline. Its cleansing qualities need only to be known to be appreciated. Ashes are also a good thing.

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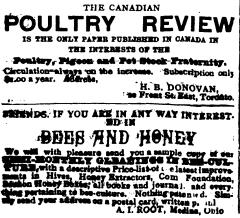
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