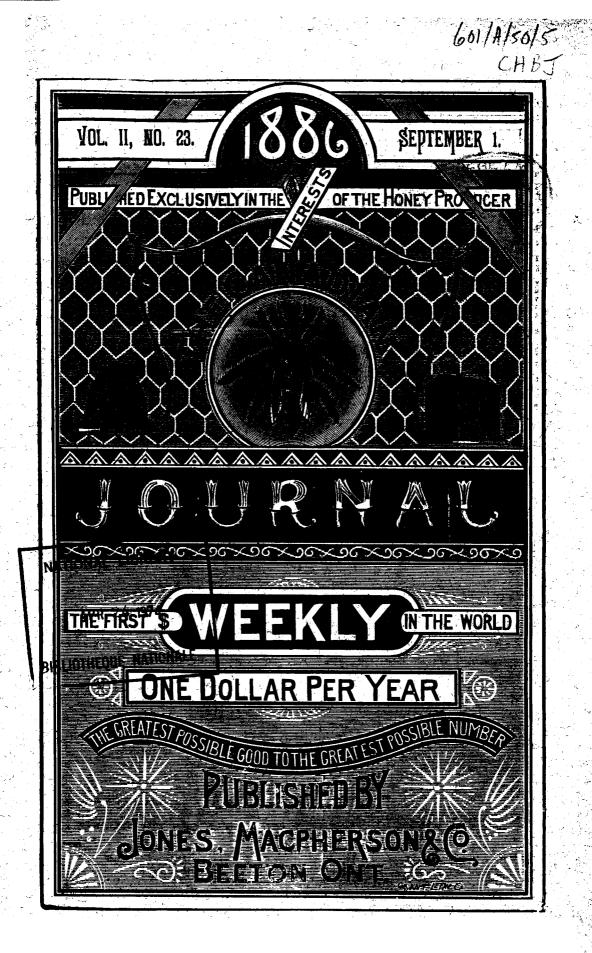
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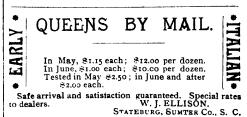
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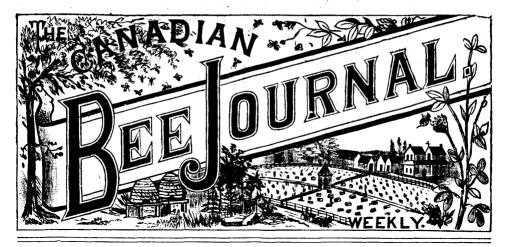
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### OUR OWN APIARY.

E have been busy getting ready for the Exhibition which commences at Toronto, Sept 6th. inst., and we are glad to say we

are farther advanced than usual.

SPREADING COMBS.

In our yards the principal work going on is careful examination of the different colonies, spreading the combs, etc. The benefit of doing this is well understood by those who have practised it, and the method of procedure has been fully explained in previous numbers of the C. B. JOURNAL.

BUILDING BRAY CLAMPS.

In one or two of our yards we are already putting up clamps—at yards where we have as yet got no beehouses. We feel satisfied, however, that the bees will winter just as nicely as in a bee house prepared under the most favorable circumstances, and the cost of wintering thus becomes comparatively light, while the chances of successful wintering are just as good.

### THE O. B. K. A. BEE TALK.

E expected to have been able to announce this week that the Council Chamber of the

City Hall had been secured for the use of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, but a letter from Mr. Hill, the manager of the Industrial Exhibition

Association, who, by the way, has been endeavoring to secure it for us, advises us that it has been granted to the Fruit Growers' Association, for the 14th and 15th. He is, however, endeavoring to secure either the St. Lawrence Hall or another room in the City Hall building for the Association, and we shall be able to state definitely the place of meeting in next issue. The Sec.-Treas. is, we believe, at present in correspondence with the Vice-President regarding a programme and in another issue we expect to give full particulars.

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F = E believe that there is a good deal of foul-brood in the above-named **6Y**ð district, as many as 80 to 100 colonies being affected in ten or twelve apiaries. We call upon all beekeepers who have this trouble in their yards to make every effort for its eradication at once. Full particulars will be found, as to how to effect a cure in our little book "Foul Brood-ts management and Cure," price 10 cents. We understand that on the part of some there are no efforts whatever, being made to dispose of it, even though neighboring bee-keepers have endeavored to get them to take action. This is, it

seems to us, almost a criminal offence. While the law may not specify "Foul brood" it certainly does make provision for the removal of such things as endanger life and property, and if the beekeepers do not take the step, and at least try to stop it, the proper authorities should take the necessary steps to have them do so.

### THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBIT.

HAT the show which is about to be made in England of Canadian honey, etc., is creating quite an

excitement amongst British beekeepers is self-evident. It is doubtful if ever before were such gigantic efforts made to instil into the minds of the English people the fact that England could produce and furnish sufficient' honey to meet the demand of the English population, and it is certain that never before have they been as successtul in the way of making a large display and of arresting the attention of the people to their productions. The extensive shows which have just been conducted have, we believe, been gratifying to the most exacting, and is considered a grand success in every re-Royalty was there, making spect. everything as lively as possible, and glowing accounts are given in the British Bee Journal of the meetings, and Canada has all the credit of this. The British Bee Fournal speaks as follows:

"The only regret has been that 'the field' has been solely held by the British Bee-keepers' Association, and that up to the present time the foreigners have not put in an appearance. We believe, however, that before the Exhibition closes English bee-keepers will have the opportunity of seeing and discussing the merits of Canadian honey. And yet we consider that we are indebted to our brother bee-keepers in Canada for the very complete exhibition which has been made. Prince Henry says of Prince John of Lancaster, 'This youth lends metal to us all ;' and so, as from time to time we heard of the great endeavors of the Canadians to show what their comparative young colony could do, and of the subsidising of the Canadian Bee Associations by the Government of the Dominion, it created a healthy spirit of emulation in the old country, and infused a degree of energy and completeness in carrying out all the details of the show.

Our Canadian representatives will have reached England ere this issue of the JOURNAL reaches its readers, and in another week we expect to hear from them.

### FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. THE CHAPMAN HONEY PLANT:

T is much to be regretted that the specimens of the above plant which were sent to Beeton came to grief, as it was very desirable their blooming should have taken place under so

blooming should have taken place under so practised an eye as that of Mr. D. A. Jones. Mr. Chapman kindly sent me fifty specimens which have done well, thanks to the fostering care of my friend, Mr. James Goldie, whose cooperation I sought, he being a botanist, and having in former days kept bees. Mr. Goldie has watched the busy little insects in their constant visits to these flowers, since they came into bloom and it is only necessary to say that. he fully corroborates the accounts given by Prof. McLain and others. I have myself repeatedly inspected the plant since it came into bloom, and have been very much interested and pleased at the apparent honey yield indicated by the crowds of bees, wild and tame, that have always been at work on the blossoms "from early morn till dewey eve." The season of bloom seems to be nearly the same here as at Versailles, N.Y. It commenced here July 19, and is now (Aug. 19) quite past. I see some who have reported give it a season of three weeks. Here it seems to last a month. Coming in just as linden fails, it bids fair to be of great value to bee-keepers. Mr. Gilchrist in his report of our recent bee-keepers' meeting here, (see this week's C.B.J.) mentions that most of those present went to Mr. Goldie's grounds to see this new honey plant. A resolution in relation to it was passed, which I wish he had given in his report. It was to the effect that we had inspected the plant with much interest, and that to all appearance it bid fair to be a valuable addition to our honey flora, though we were unable to say whether or no it had any undesirable qualities as a weed.

Guelph, Aug. 19, 1836.

· Anteritaria

W. F. CLARKE.

Friend Clarke has responded to our call for his report very promptly and very favorably too.

### A CARD FROM H. CHAPMAN.

It has not been my purpose to say or write much about, or offer any seed of, my honey plant for sale until after the report of the committee appointed by the North American Bee-Keepers' Association, to examine and determine its value as a honey plant. The committee met at my place, July 28th (all but Mr. Mannum, of Vt., who was prevented by unforeseen circumstances.) The committee present were A. I. Root, of Medina, Ohio; L. C. Root, of Mohawk, N.Y.; and N. W. McLain, of Aurora, Ill. They.

will make their report as a committee at the next annual meeting of the Association to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, Oct. 12th, 13th and 14th. But since the meeting of the committee at my place, members of it have written so favorably. of the plant in the bee journals, that I have received a large number of letters of inquiry, requiring so much of my time to answer that I deem it proper, through the bee journals to say I have no seed but the present season's growth, which will not be ready to send out until about the 20th of Oct. next. I purpose to advertise in the bee journals after the report of the committee at Indianapolis. Seed will be sold in half-ounce, ounce, two ounce, and four ounce, packages. The price will be determined after the report of the committee. All desiring seed are referred to my advertisements which may be found in all the leading bee journals in America, after the report of the committee at Indianapolis. H. CHAPMAN.

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### For The Canadian Bee Journal. ANOTHER PLAN FOR DISPOSING OF FER-TILE WORKERS.

EVERAL plans have lately been given in Gleanings, Apiculturist, Rays of Light, 6 and CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, for getting rid of fertile workers, the most of which I have tried, but I find that they are a very difficult thing to overcome when once they get thoroughly seated in any colony, and are very different from instances where they have just begun their operations. The shaking of the bees off the combs some distance from their hive will answer very readily when they have only just begun their laying; while with a strong colony of bees such as Syro-Albinos, (the first cross) and Carniolans-which have proved with me to be the worst of bees to keep clear of fertile workers, if made queenless and left without eggs or brood in their combs for six or eight days, will apparently all try to lay eggs. Judging from the number they deposit in their combs you have a case of genuine fertile workers that will try your patience and require your most radical measures to eradicate. Such has proved my experience. The only remedy that I have yet tried that has in any way proved successful in such cases is to take the colony infested with fertile workers off, say, fifty yards and shake every bee off their combs. First, before beginning to shake them off their

combs, carry and put on the stand where the infested colony stood one of your strongest colonies of bees that has a good laying queen and one that has had for two months or more, then after having gotten all the bees out of the infested colony, carry it and set it on the stand where your strangest colony stood, that was removed to the stand the infested colony was taken from, giving them 2 or 3 frames of brood and bees from some other colony and caging in these frames a queen, which liberate after about the third day, this will completely do away with your fertile workers for the colony so treated, if carefully manipulated as directed, as all the old bees likely to become fertile layers and those that are, which do get back, will enter into new quarters among a colony strong with strange bees, and a laying queen on their return to the old place, and they will not disturb the queen. Such of them as are allowed to enter, in most instances many of them will be killed at the entrance. This plan will materially weaken the two colonies, but that is much preferable to having one rendered utterly valueless by the pest, fertile workers, as is usually the case when they become so numerous and fully seated in any colony. It is best in following this plan, to select a colony that is somewhat removed from where the infested one sits; too, this plan is only, or most successfully applicable when bees are flying out freely, so that the old workers from the strong colony placed on the stand of the infested one, will return to their own old stand to re-inforce and strengthen up the one placed there, while plenty of them will remain long enough in their hive placed on the infested colony's stand to protect it against the returning bees of the infested colony. The editor of the American Apiculturist in his editorial, "Items of Interest" in June (last) issue, says of the "Albino Bees," : "This race, or rather strain of bees, has been thoroughly tested in the Apiculturist apiaries. The bees are worthless as honey gatherers or for any use whatever in the apiary. Their good points are beauty and gentleness. If any one wants bees to look at or play with, purchase Albinos. The beauty of these bees is produced by in-breeding, and is a process condemned by every practical bee-keeper."(???) During the past four years I have tried Cyprians, (Carrols), Syrians (imported, direct and homebred), Carniolans (imported direct and homebred) Italians (homebred) and Albinos (homebred of course) and I can beyond all doubt, freely saythat none of these races equal the Albino bees in storing honey, prolificness, hardihood (in a hot climate.) size, gentleness or in points of beauty The Syrians far excel the Albinos with the point (hindmost one) in view and use-Cyprians next

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best, but for utility in the apiary in points of value, none can excel the Albino strain of Italian bees.

ABBOTT L. SWINSON. Goldsboro, Wayne Co. N. C. Aug. 16th 1886.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

### OWNERSHIP.

UCH is the heading of an article in the C. B. J. of 21st ult., to which the writer "leaves it for the friends generally, to de-

cide the case, and the manner in which he has acted." Now in the first place, shouldn't Mr. G. have allowed this neighbor who has given him so much trouble and annoyance, to give his side of the story before asking us to decide the case? I've watched for a reply from this party, but meeting him on the 16th inst., I expressed my surprise in not seeing a reply to the article in question; he told me that at first he fully purposed doing so but on reconsidering the matter, and with the advice of others he decided not to; so then to make matters more plain, I in justice will give a little of what was gleaned from him, as well as criticise Mr. G's article and conduct. I see there are four interested parties, Mr. Gemmell, Mr. Neighbor, Messrs. Rescuers and the "good lady"-the latter we'll understand to be Mrs. G. as I hear some men call their wives by that name, She said "she thought he was getting a very large swarm of bees for the very small sum of \$1.00." I say ditto.

I see Mr. G. advertises queens for sale, and if he is far enough advanced in apiculture for that he should have known enough to destroy the queen cells on that card of brood when taken from the old colony; he doesn't say there were cells on it, "but which might have been thereon." All that I can learn in his favor is, that a party saw a swarm of bees come from across his yard and go in the direction of where this swarm was found; after the bees were noticed by the parties living on the lot where they clustered, they very kindly sent one of the family to all the neighbors who kept bees to ascertain whether they had lost a swarm that day or not, and if so to come and lay claim but they all answered in the negative, Mr. G's. family with the others; however, all the yards sent representatives and we see the result. Mr. G. says they were black bees, Mr. Neighbor tells me they were hybrids; I know for a fact that the latter knows, and that the former has received a good deal of information from him on bees, and should know blacks from hybrids; the fact of a yellow queen being amongst hybrid bees didn't prove that she was an Italian, as hybrid queens are often as yellow as pure ones and even German

queens are found quite as light as some breeds of Italians. It seems Mr. Neighbor had left the person on whose property they were, under the impression that Mr. G. "couldn't take them" but we see he was mistaken, as the article shows us so, but not altogether in a neigoborly manner, und I don't think the course he pursued was proper; then he winds up by giving his neighbor beekeeper fits for leaving home and his bees to the mercy of the immediate residents. Mr. Neighbor, is a tinsmith in the G. T. R. shops, and who at that time got two weeks' holidays the latter part of which he spent in the country arranging his bees as he thought best before leaving, so as to have no swarming during his absence; but they stole a march, and a swarm that he hived the day previous to his leaving swarmed out three days afterwards from unknown causes,-probably heat as it was very warm weather; said swarm was hived by Mr. G. into one of his own hives on comb foundation and allowed to work on it for five days, he returning them to their own hive before Mr. Neighbor's return, where there were empty sections &c. waiting for them, Such I claim was nothing short of robbery and regarding the disputed bees, I wouldn't say but what they were Mr. Gemmell's, but I contend he has no definite proof that they are, and the article quoted by you, Mr. Editor, is very far from favoring the Harmony apiarist.

### Poole, Aug. 19th, 1886.

Having but one side of the story we cannot say much in its connection further than to state the law on the subject as to the ownership of bees. It is always best to have both sides of a story before giving decision under any circumstances, and it is not well to drag private disputes into public journals; we are glad however to give friend Chalmers' version of the case as our acquaintance with him leads us to believe that he will endeavor to do justice to every one with whom he may come in contact. We hope that the matter will be settled amicably without further reference to it in the JOURNAL.

### For The Canadian Bee Journal.

### BEE-KEEPING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

AST year Mr. C. F. Smith, of this place, complained that bee-keeping did not pay in his locality, and asked if similar results

were reported from Northern Canada. Last season was rather poor for honey secretion in Northern Michigan, but if Mr. Smith's location was not so close to lake Huron, he probably

D. CHALMERS.

have had a larger surplus than would thirty pounds per colony, as his neighbors, situated seven miles further inland, obtained very fair surplusage. This year Mr. S. obtained 130 lbs. of extracted honey besides five swarms from one of his colonies, eight days before the first of The more experience I gain the more I July. am firmly convinced that the ranks of our profession are already overcrowded. I am frequently reminded that honey "is a drug on our market " and that " we don't sell it fast." Now the great mass of your readers know that the producers of this country's wealth are to an overwhelming extent the principal consumers. It has been demonstrated over and again that the working man's miserable pittance hardly suffices to keep body and soul together, and that one million and a half men to-day are idle. Thanks to the monopolistic policy, which renders Goulds and Vanderbilts possible are lean and empty pocket books capable of purchasing the luxuries, not to say the necessaries of life. Ireland exports more than any other country in Europe, simply because the wealth passes from the producer to the monopolist. Over-production seems to me a misnomer for such a state of things, and the only over-production that I can see in this country is that of political mediocrities, who have hitherto filled our legislatures. Some of your brightest correspondents recommend educating the people to the uses of honey, which seems to me so much more preferable to the glucose syrups in use. Although, I believe, that a good deal of missionary work can be done with advantage, yet does not this prove that we have already more honey on hand than can be readily sold. Our present corrupt social system will, judging from "the signs of the times " be purified within the next twenty years by the soft falling ballot, but until that times comes excuse me from advising anyone to adopt apiculture. I have seen these ideas vaguely hinted at in a bee journal only once, but I am so well convinced of the chief reason why honey don't sell itself, that I shall devote a separate chapter to it, and endeavor to demonstrate my position with facts.

Comb honey sells so much better than extracted here, that I intend Germanizing one apiary with the best strain of the Brauer German, queens, as that race appears to be "the champion comb honey bee." Heddon's strain of hybrids are what he claims for them, but hybrids, that I purchased up here at low prices from Cheboygan parties made dirty, black, unsalable comb honey and I was forced to supersede the queens. I suppose there are inferior hybrids as well as Blacks and Italian.

GEO. J. MALONEY.

Friend M. seems to be in a rather morbid and gloomy state of mind, but as it doesn't do to be always looking at the bright side, without turning over to the dark, we cheerfully give place to his communication. But, remember, we don't accept his statements as being facts as we see them. The people must be educated to the use of honey, because they have, in the past looked upon it as a luxury.



SHALL endeavor to be as brief as possible in this my reply to Mr. Gust. Murhard, who writes in No. 22, C. B. J.

I wish to intimate to this gentleman that there never has been a "controversy" between Mr. Benton and myself. In the C. B. J. for Oct. 21st, 1885, anyone may find an address delivered by me, as President of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, in which I make certain statements which he may read at leisure. The words "stubborn and silly unprogressive beekeepers" are not found there, or that queen breeders of other races than the Italian are "dishonest." I know that the gentlemen from whom I got my Cyprian and Syrian queens are not so. I enter a protest against the way Mr. Murhard brings me in for "consequential damages" by implying such language. Yes, my friend, I am still an Italian bee enthusiast and will continue to remain so while I read accounts published from time to time by such men as A. I. Root. When a full stock of Carniolan (or any other race,) bees has not stored surplus, while Italian nuclei at their side are doing so, what does it mean? Let me add that I fail to find in Mr. Murhard's letter any very striking facts which would lead me to discard Italians just now. This I am ready to do in favor of the Carniolan, or any other race, as soon as they are proved to be superior, taken on the greatest number of points, to the well tried Italians.

As to Mr. Benton's letter written in March last, let me refer to it now for the first time. As the chief exporter of this race in Europe I would expect nothing less of him than that he would be its defender on all occasions.

In conclusion, facts and principles have to be established, and after the wood, hay and stubble of individual prejudice and opinions are conTHE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL

sumed in the fire of general experience, the pure gold—if any there be—will surely appear. "So mote it be." If that bee, be a Carnielan, black or blue though they may be, Mr. Benton shall have my order—and cash—for the same.

Ј. С. Тном.

Streetsville, August 24th, 1886.

We must apologise for not having appended a foot-note to Mr Murhard's article page 473, Vol. II., but as both Mr. Jones and the writer were absent when the article was inserted, it did not receive that attention. Dr. Thom is perfectly correct in his statement as regards any controversy with Mr. Benton. Such there never was. In his annual address, he referred to the "Carniolans" then being introduced, and expressed himself in deprecatory terms of their value, which remarks Mr. Benton replies to (see page 429, present volume). It is possible that the doctor condemned "Carniolans" without having first thoroughly tested them, (if at all) but it is certain he did not intimate that those were "stubborn and silly unprogressive bee-keepers" who were testing Carniolans. Perhaps that portion of friend M's, article would have been better left unsaid.

## QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked of, and replied to, by prominent and practical beskeepers—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.

### MIVING SWARMS ON EMPTY FRAMES VS. FOUNDATION.

QUERY No. 107.—Early in the honey season if I had two first swarms come off within a few minutes of each other and I was to put one in an empty hive and the other in a hive with seven combs full of brood, each swarm weighing six pounds, about how many pounds more section box honey would I get in the season from the one furnished with the seven combs of brood ? What condition would each hive be in at the end of the season and about what proportion of drone comb would the bees build in the empty hive? The queens in each hive to be only one year old-WM. Mc.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O. -- (1) I guess so. (2) Ditto.

M. ENIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT. I don't know. I never put a swarm in an empty hive.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I never had experience enough in the matter to warrant a guess.

H. COUSE, THE GRANGE, ONT.—(I) Could not say. (2) The one with broad would be in best condition. (3) This depends on management.

DB. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.--Never having tried putting swarms on frames full of brood, I cannot answer from experience what the result would be.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—In this locality the hive given brood would be sure to swarm, so would give little, if any, better results in honey than the other.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.— Try the experiment and report, but bear in mind the fact that any experiment with only one or two colonies is of little value.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—So much depends upon the queen that it will be impossible to give anything like a correct ans ver. I have seen a swarm put into a hive with plenty of brood and honey and not do any better than a swarm put on empty frames, and in the fall the one on empty frames was in the best condition.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—Much would depend upon locality and season. You would get most surplus from the swarm hived on the combs of brood. unless the surplus yield was immediate, and not of long duration. At the end of the surplus season, the colony given the brood, would have the most bees, unless that season extended very late.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—You ought to get one-half more from the hive with seven combs of brood. The other hive would be nearly a month before they would have any young bees, therefore the swarm would be weaker than the other. At the end of the season there would be very little difference, probably the one without the brood at the start would be the best.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—To answer this query with any approximation to probable accuracy certain additional *data* are required which are not given. Much would depend on the season, the size of the hives, the manipulation after hiving, etc. It is impossible to more than guess results with no more knowledge of essential conditions than is here available.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.-Everything would depend upon conditions that are constantly changing. No two seasons are alike, and bees work differently in different seasons. Ordinarily about one-half more honey should be expected from the hive containing seven full combs. As to proportions at end of season, drone comb. &c., so much depends upon uncertainties, that no comparison of value can be made; in fact the whole thing is "guess work."

BEE THAT WILL NOT WORK IN THE SECTIONS,

QUERY No. 108.—I put one crate of twenty-four one-pound boxes with foundation starters, on each of my two hives in apple bloom. There seems to be plenty of bees in each hive and plenty of white clover in every pasture and meadow, yet my bees have neither swarmed nor put honey in the boxes. 1st. Have you ever noticed a case like this ? .2nd. What do you think is the cause ? 3rd. What could I do to make them work in the boxes ?—G. W. H.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.-(1) Well, no, not quite so bad. (2) Don't know. (3) If they will not go in the boxes when honey is coming in freely, get a different strain of bees.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O.-(1)Yes. (2) Want of nectar in the blossoms. The bees seldom gather more honey from apple bloom than is used for breeding purposes in this locality.

H. D. CUITING, CLINTON, MICH.--(1) Yes. (2) I should say they got no more honey than was used to keep up brood-rearing. (3) You could feed if you had plenty of honey, or "turn them upside down."

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—(I) Yes, frequently. (2) Probably because the flowers were not secreting honey at that time. The idea that flowers always secrete honey when in bloom is "one grand mistake."

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—We sometimes have flowers and no nectar. I think this is the probable reason. It may be that a large empty brood-chamber was being filled. One or the other must have been true.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORDDINO, N.Y.--(1) Yes. Clover with plenty of bloom frequently does not yield honey. (2) No honey in the flowers (3) Have a supply of honey secreted in the flowers. A good season will do this.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.-Could tell better the cause by a glance at the bees

themselves. Owing to cool nights bees have been very loath to enter the boxes. There may be some cause at work weakening your bees.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—Possibly clover yields little, although plentiful. Possibly there is plenty of room in the brood-chamber without occupying supers. Try putting in a one-pound box with some honey or brood in it.

H. COUSE, THE GRANGE, ONT.—(1) Yes. (2) Bees were not fready to swarm. The clover could not have been yielding much, or else the bees have too much room below the sections for storing honey, which they are bound to fill before storing in the sections. Have not tried reversible hives, therefore cannot say "reverse."

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—I have heard of such cases. The reason was that either the bees had no proper communication to the sections, or else, what is more likely in your case, there was no nectar in the clover and other blossoms, at least, not enough to give any surplus. If this doesn't account for your case, "I will give it up."

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—There might be plenty of white clover without honey in it, as the cold nights this summer dried up the white clover as well as the basswood. If your hives were strong in bees and a good queen, if there was honey to be got they would store it for you. You may try a piece of nice comb in some of your boxes, as that will start them before anything else.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—From the small amount of information given, the only conclusion I can arrive at is, that the clover does not secrete any nectar; with a strong colony of bees, and nectar in the fields, some honey would be stored; if not in the sections, in the body of the hive. If the frames contain comb only seveneighths of an inch thick, and are worked just bee-space apart, the bees will store in sections if there is any honey for them to gather.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—Without a personal examination it would be impossible from the data given to make a diagnosis and prescription which would be satisfactory. I would say, however, that I think there is nothing strange about the case. As to the cause, the failure to work in the sections might be due to one principal cause or to several. For instance, the hive may be too large for section work, that is, the brood-chamber; or the colony may not be populous enough; or the temperature may be too low in the hive or outside the whip clover you speak of as being plentiful, may not be yielding honey freely; or your bees may be poor gatherers, and so on to the end of the list of probable causes, which, however, we must hypothecate in the absence of a personal inspection.

By THE EDITOR.—Yes, we have noticed it this year. In this locality there has been a very poor yield, and bees cannot gather honey when the flowers do not secrete it. There has been just about enough to keep up brood-rearing, and a little surplus clover for a few days.

### SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

UNTESTED HYBRID QUEENS.

M. J. LEWIS.— About what per cent. of your untested queens will prove hybrids ?

There are no hybrids among our queens if pure when put into winter quarters. A queen hatched in winter quarters proves a drone-layer.

ABOUT CARNIOLANS.

Aref Carniolans, when crossed with Italians, cross or kind, and are they as good honey gatherers as the pure Italians or Carniolans?

Very gentle and thus far have proved themselves valuable honey gatherers.

Do you prefer Italians or Carniolans?

Would prefer Carniolan for capping comb, a cross between Italian and Carniolans for business, that is, dollars and cents.

If I send some of the progeny of untested queens can you tell me whether or not they are pure?

Yes, but you can do so yourself. If they show three yellow bands you may call them pure.

Are Carniolans as much inclined to swarm as Italians?

We think they are not.

Are queens raised in September under the swarming impulse, as good as those raised earlier?

Onslow, N. S., Aug. 3rd 1886.

We see no reason why they should not be as good.

TOO MUCH BROODING GOING ON.

REV. D. CROSSBY.—I have a late colony of bees which I fear will not gather enough honey for winter. The colony is small, only about half enough bees. The queen is laying and bees are hatching, but they do not gather much

honey on account of the hatching process inside. What would be the result if I should bore two or three holes in the bottom board of the small colony and set it on the top of a very strong colony which has a large quantity of bees, allowing them to enter the hive? Would they kill the queen in the small colony, or would they go to work and help fill with honey and bees? There is considerable brood and honey in small colony and if it were early summer they would be all right, but I fear they will not get large enough, or strong enough, or honey enough for wither.

Deseronto, Ont., Aug. 21st, '86.

They would certainly destroy the queen, as they would be to all intents and purposes combined in one colony. You had better leave the hives as they are, cage the queen in the weaker colony and take from the strong colony, say four or five racks, containing as many young queens as possible, shake these down in front of the weak colony, when the young bees will run in and the old bees return to their own hive, this will give the colony sufficient bees to enable to gather more honey. In the meantime you had better feed them should they require it; in fact, whatever you do, must be done at once, as the time is very short now in which to prepare for winter. You might, if you desire, take from the strong colony, a frame of honey and place it in the weak colony, instead of feeding as much, that is, in case your strong colony has more stores than it needs.

#### WESTBROOK HONEY.

A. Bridge, of Westbrock, has been most successful with his apiary. He has shipped 50 crates of 9 lbs. each to the Colonial Exhibition at London, and their excellent quality is sure to bring him a wide reputation. He will also send 200 lbs. of extracted honey. He has sixty hives, and the bees have done well this year on the clover. He is importing and using the most improved hives, etc., and is sure to make a large business in a short time. The honey from his hives is very fine, and will be well known in the local market.—Kingston Whig.

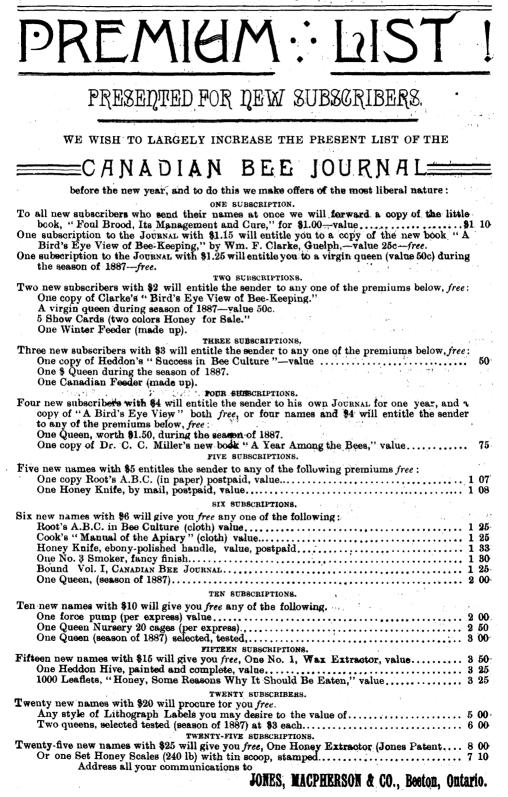
#### DROUTH IN TEXAS.

DAYTON BALFOUR.—I am well pleased with your JOURNAL. We had a drouth here at time of basswood, sumac and horse mint bloom, our main honey crops. Bees are slowly storing a little surplus from cotton.

Tyler, Smith Co., Texas.

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A STRANGE BER.

J. B.—Enclosed find a bee. Please to state through the Journal, what it is small queen or fertile worker, and of what race of bees it is, and oblige a constant reader of C. B. J.

The bee is too much mashed to tell distinctly, but think it is an Italian queen.

### BEES CLUSTERING OUTSIDE.

E. DECEW. My been have, some of them, been clustering on the outside of the hives for several weeks past. How should they be treated ?

### DeCewsville, August 14th, 1886.

The fact that your bees cluster on the outside of the hive shows that they are strong and in good condition. You had better raise the lid a little and give them more air.

### STONE CELLAR FOR BEES.

D. FARQUARSON.—I am building a stone house to be used for garden stuff, milk and bees. It will be in one room, 12x24 ft. inside. The wall will be 2x7 ft. lined with matched lumber, allowing a dead-air space. For a roof it will have a covering of 2 ft. of dry earth, over which, shingles. There will be one double window, and a double door having also a storm door. Along one end will be a trough 2x2x12 it. kept full of running water from a spring. What do you think of such a place for bees in either single W. or chaff hives? Have you any suggestions to offer about the matter?

Walton, Ont., Aug. 21st, 1886.

The repository which you are building will answer all right for bees, providing the temperature is always kept right. Almost any kind of a place will do if the temperature is kept right and the place is clean and wholesome. The trough which is kept full of running water will it anything have a good effect on the temperature. We would, however, advise you to have separate apartments for the bees and vegetables. You had better partition off what space you require for the bees and keep them by themselves or it this is not convenient, be particular to allow nothing in the shape of decaying matter which would taint the air to remain in the cellar.

#### FOUL BROOD.

F. C. MATTHEWS.—Many thanks for your kind and lengthy reply to my enquiry as to the piece of comb sent. I have had but two seasons' qr. perience with bees, and so far it has not been

a usen the first year, built them up and divided them, purchased another frames and and queen from a neighbor, wintered in chaff hives (Root's), lost one. My surviving colony never swarmed, in fact, I now believe they had foul brood all along as the frames would be full of eggs and young larvæ, still the number of bees did not appear to increase. Is it possible for a colony to winter with foul brood? Perhaps you might let us know this through the medium of the C. B. J.

Idlewild, Bay St. South, Hamilton, Aug. 21st.

We do not know any reason why a colony will not winter all right, even though it has foul brood unless they should be so much debilitated and run down in the fall that it would not have lived under any circumstances. The present is as good a time as any for curing them. As there is time before setting them into winter quarters, it would be well to at once apply the remedy, full particulars of which will be found in our pamphlet on foul brood, which we are pleased to say is meeting with a large sale.

### THE WELLINGTON BEE-KEEPERS' CON-VENTION.

MEETING of the Bee-Keepers of Wellington County was held in the Royal Templars' Room, Fergus,

on Saturday 14th inst. at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of President Gerrie, Mr. George Allan was called to the chair.

According to appointment, Rev. J. R. Black, of Garafraxa, read a paper on "preparation for wintering." At the close of the reading several questions arising out of the essay were asked and The next subject was "winanswered. tering" and this received attention from several local men whose experience was valuable from their practical success. There being still an hour or more remaining before the time of closing, liberty was given by the chair for "questions", and these rolled in more quickly than answers could be given. One triend who had rather disastrous results in the rearing and introduction of queens after detailing how a number had come and gone he knew not where, said,

"How do you account for my losses' of queens?"

of comb sent, I have had but two sessons' each In reply some gave one cause and perfence with bees; and so far it has not been some another. At length one of the

knowing ones said very gravely,

"How many drones had you?" "Och," said the queen loser, "I had

thousands, there was no scarcity of drones."

"Ah," replied his questioner, "that was the cause of the trouble—too many drones."

"Too many drones?" echoed the queen loser.

"Yes, too many drones, they badgered and worried and chased the virgins on their appearance for suitors till they either died from the treatment or took their flight to parts where drones were fewer."

His reply threw such light on the losses of queens generally that the members, rejoicing in the light, indulged in laughter long and loud.

Reports were presented of the honey yield of present season. From these it seems the yield is below the average. Prices ranged from 10 to 20 cents for the extracted honey, and scarcely any comb honey was produced. Colonies strong in bees and stores generally, but in a few cases feeding will be necessary. A member who had tried the Heddon hive reported favorably of it.

The next meeting is to be held in Fergus, on 20th April, at 2.30 p.m.

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The Texas Bee Journal is defunct. This time for a fact it has collapsed.

We have lately added a full line of bee-keeper's hardware to our stock, and we shall in the future carry a supply from which our customers may buy at prices a good deal below the figures their local hardware men would be liable to ask for them. See pricelist in next issue.

Perhaps it might be well for us to explain why we cannot allow full price for the 60 pound tins which are returned to us filled with honey. You see as a rule, we have to empty the tins and after that they are what we call "second hand" and are worth only half price. If any of our

customers prefer it we will be glad to empty the tins and return them as soon as it is possible for us to do so, if the price we offer does not seem right to them.

The "American Agriculturist" for September comes to us in its usual fine shape, full of beautiful engravings illustrative of the many departments and subjects to which it is devoted. For the purpose of increasing their list of subscribers at this time they are offering a complete new history of the United States which is now ready and which has been prepared for the publishers. This history is given away to all new subscribers to the Agriculturist before September 30th. For further particulars, address the publishers 751 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

The Rev. E. T. Abbott, Sec. Treas. of the Inter State Bee-keepers' Ass'n of Missouri, publishes a small pamphlet in the interests of honey producers. This year it comes to us in the shape of a neat little book entitled "Busy Bee." It is written in a readable style and is sold at 15 cts. It contains a review of the "Bird's Eye View of Beekeeping" which has just been issued. We hope that the investment will prove a profitable one to friend Abbott and congratulate the Inter State Ass'n upon having so enterprising a Secretary.

### CONVENTION NOTICES.

Mount Forest Bee-Keepers' Convention, in Town Hall, Mt Forest, on Sept. 2nd at 2.30 p. m. J. H. DAVISON, Secretary.

The Williamette Valley Bee-Keepers' Association will meet in the Grange Hall, in McMinnville, on Sept. 21st and 22nd, 1886. A full attendance of members, and others interested is desired. E. J. Hadley, Sec.; Frank S. Harding, Pres.

MICHIGAN STATE BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION — The next annual convention of this association will be held in Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1886. H. D. CUTTING, Sec., Clinton, Mich.

North American, at Iudianapolis, Ind., Oct. 12, 13 and 14. F. L. DOUGHERTY, Sec. Indianapolis, Ind.

The Alvinston Bee-Keepers' Association will meet in the Council Chamber, Alvinston, on Wednesday, Sept. 1st, at 10 o'olock a. m. It is expected that a number of prominent Bee-Keepers will be present. Bee-Keepers of the county of Lampton are especially requested to attend as the members wish to extend this to a County association. J. R. KITCHIN, Secretary.

The Iowa State Bee-Keepers Association will meet on the Fair Grounds in Des Moines Tuesday, September 7th, 1886, at 2 o'clock p. m., continuing in session during that and the following two or three days. A large and sub. stantial tent has been secured and now at hand for the use of the society. Any or all of the 6,000 bee-keepers of our State are urgently re-

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quested to be present and help make the meeting a pleasent and profitable one, and a hearty invitation is extended to all visiting brothers from other States. O. O. POPPLETON, President. A. J. NORRIS, Secretary.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

We will send Vol. I. of the C. B. J. nice y bound in cloth to new subscribers for \$1.25 or clubber with current Volume for \$2.00.

### INCREASE YOUR HONEY SALES.

By a judicious distribution of our leaflets. "Honey, some reasons why it should be eaten " you can sell every pound of honey you have. Customers who used them last season speak very highly of them. Prices with name and address, per 250, \$1.25; 500, \$2; 1000, \$3.25. Send for samples.

#### REDUCED PRICE OF SECTIONS.

We have a good many thousand sections cut and stacked up in boxes ready for shipment, and if there are any who feel like laying in a good lot of sections for the season of 1887, we will give them a specially low quotation, so that after counting the interest on the money for eight or ten months, there will still be a good margin of profit in their favor. Of course these quotations will only apply to regular stock, unless where orders are for over 10,000 in odd sizes. Regular sizes are  $3\frac{1}{2}x4\frac{1}{2}$  and  $4\frac{1}{2}x4\frac{1}{2}$  and in widths of either 11 or 18 inches. The prices we quote are, per 1,000, \$4.25; 10,000 or over, \$3.75. By the way, we didn't mention that these prices are for onepiece Linden (formerly Basswood) V groove sections. Dovetailed and spruce sections, we will furnish at 10 % off price-list rates.

### HONEY MARKETS.

#### BEETON.

For extracted honey, put up in our style 60 lb. tins, (packages allowed 30c.) we offer, in supplies of any kind :

Bright, clear honey in Linden, clover or Cts listinct flavors.....per lb. 09

Bright, clear honey in mixed flavor... " 081 Amber colored 08 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

These prices are for honey delivered in Beeton, freight paid.

#### CHICAGO.

Since my last quotation honey has come forward very feely and from information now at hand it would appear that the Middle States will have all the Honey produced at home this season that can i marketed or consumed, and that we shall not be apt to draw upon the Eastern States as we did last year. Best grades of white comb to-day at thirteen cents, Extracted six cente and beeswax 25 cents. R. A. BURNETT.

Chicago.

### CINCINNATI.

No change in the market. Demand is slow for all kinds and shapes of Honey. Prices arenominal. Extracted honey ranges between 14x 15 cts in a jobbing way. Demand for beeswax is good and arrivals are fair. We pay 20 cts. per lb. for good yellow.

CHAS. F. MUTH & SON.

#### DETROIT HONEY MARKET.

As the season advances, the demand for honey increases and owing to light crops generally, prices have advanced, best white comb honey in one pound sections bringing from 14 to 15cts. Beeswax 23 cts.

M. H. HUNT.

#### BOSTON.

Bell Branch ...

Honey is selling very well but prices are very low, and we are often obliged to shade our prices in order to make rates, We quote I b. comb, 14 to 16 cents. 2 lb. comb, 12 to 14 cents, Extracted, 6 to 8 cents.

### BLAKE & RIPLEY.

### NEW YORK.

The honey market is almost devoid of interest, more particularly in comb honey. We find quite a large stock in dealers' hands, carried over, although our stock is light; what we have is dark and off grades. It is difficult to tell what prices will be on the coming crop, but from reports received from nearly every section of the country we infer the crop will be heavy, and prices will rule accordingly. Present quotations are as follows :—Fancy white comb 1 lb. sec-tions, 10 to 12c.; fancy white comb, 2 lb. sections, 8 to 10c.; buckwheat comb honey, 1 & 2 b. sections, 5 to 8c.; extracted white clover, 6c.: extracted California honey, 4½ to 5c.; extracted southern, per gal., 45 to 55c.; beeswax, 23 to 25c.

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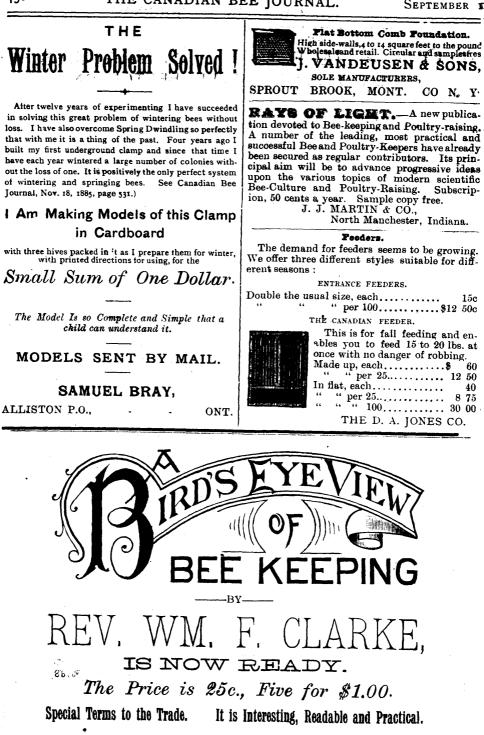


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