

NEWS - LETTER OF WELLINGTON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION.

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Dear Readers,

As you will know there is little to be done in the apiary at this time of the year, but it must be borne in mind the Queens are starting to lay and the brood is coming on in many cases which means food supplies should be looked at if you have the opportunity: try and do this only if the weather is warm and the bees are flying a bit because there is a danger of chilling the brood if exposed to the cold. If you make an examination do so in as shorter time as you can to prevent the cold air getting in. Condensation will be noticed in many hives and can be a nuisance, there are various theories advanced on how to deal with this. One of the best and simplest is to move the hive to a sunnier position if possible, then lift the lid a little, about the thickness of a match, and jam in a couple of matches on the edge of the of the top super to allow a circulation of air. Hive mats are also quite beneficial as they prevent drops of water falling down on the cluster.

If you think you had a bad season last year don't be to discouraged, the commercial beekeepers had a very bad year in most cases, added to that many of them have had the credit squeeze put on by the Banks, so thank your lucky stars you were not depending on bees for a living. The Honey Marketing Authority have had one of the lowest returns of honey for many years. A commercial beekeeper has ventured forth and set up an apiary on Niue Island this year and all the indications are for him to have an excellent crop. We hope he does and wish him a successful season for being so enter - prising.

In the next issue of the news - letter we hope to enclose a supplement, and this will be a copy of a summary of the Apiaries Act. There is quite a lot of useful information in it and we would like every - one to keep his copy for reference when it arrives.

FOR SALE One of our members who has been beekeeping for many years has a few hives for sale. The bees are a very good strain, and the equipment is in very good order. At present they are in the Hutt Valley. If you require details, contact the Secretary and further information will be available. Some readers are still missing out on their copy of the news - letter, for some reason or other. If you hear of this please let us know, in case the address is wrong.

AUGUST MEETING will be Monday 14th August, 1967, at 8p.m. Y.W.C.A. Rooms, and the subject for the evening will be SPRING OPENING. We hope to see you all there.

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