

screwed and the blocks cut up on a recutting frame. The honey-pats are wrapped first in plain parchment paper, then in a printed wrapper, like butter. This method entails a considerable amount of work, and, unless the beekeeper has plenty of time, which is not likely, any of the other methods are preferable.

PHENOMENAL YIELDS.

Mr. Arundell, of Patea, Taranaki, reports some exceptional yields this year. His queens were originally purchased from the queen-breeding apiary of the Waerenga Experimental Farm, but some of them are daughters of Waerenga queens bred by himself. His two best hives produced last year 331 lb. and 155 lb., and this year 463 lb. and 409 lb. respectively. His other hives, of which he has about twenty-eight, did almost equally well.

A remarkable average yield from thirty-four colonies of mainly hybrid bees was secured by Mr. Lloyd, of Manaia, Taranaki. Three tons, all but 5 lb., have been extracted, an average of 197 lb. per colony, while about 1,000 lb. has been left in the hives for spring feeding.

A STRIKING DISPLAY.

The accompanying photograph is a fine example of individual enthusiasm combined with commercial enterprise. It illustrates a display made by Mr. A. L. Luke at the last Taihape show. Mr. Luke believes in doing things thoroughly, and in this he has set an example to others in the beekeeping business.

The whole display was produced and prepared by Mr. Luke himself, and formed one of the most attractive exhibits of honey ever made in the Dominion.

SEASONABLE NOTES.

A beekeepers' association has been formed in Marlborough. Twenty-two beekeepers attended the initiatory meeting. Mr. Frank Daines, Blenheim, is the secretary.

Now you have time to spare do the many little things which if postponed for a busier period will be neglected altogether.

Have you any old hives that need repairing? Do this now. Painting and otherwise preserving the plant can also be done in the off season with advantage.

System is invaluable in beekeeping. Therefore map out your next season's work and make the necessary preparations now, so that every detail may be carried out without delay and in its due season.