

for the benefit of its members. It is not necessary nor desirable that such benefit shall work hardships or injuries to the public. It may lessen the cost of supplies, prevent the lowering of prices from forced sales by poor men, save freight charges by gathering car load lots, and prevent gluts by means of statistics and proper distribution. It can do all this without raising the retail price of honey.

The great question at present is, "How shall we do it?" Let us discuss it.

W. Z. HUTCHINSON,
Flint, Mich.

**News From The
Districts**

NO. 1

Re the honey outlook here, would say that the prospects are nil, no rain since March to speak of, absolutely none since April 8th and unless some comes very soon there can be no crops of any kind: fire and smoke all around us.

W. J. Brown.

Prescott Co., June 6th,

NO. 2

As a district I think the prospects good for a honey crop. Bees wintered fairly well. As a general rule those set out very early are at this date behind those put out later; weather being cold, dry and windy bees did not build up during May as they should have done. Heavy drought has held clover back but the showers which have come in some places and are expected in others ought to bring in a later bloom. Can't

say how it will be with basswood. No fruit bloom to count on in this locality. Of course if the drouth continues we will be out completely.

J. K. Darling.

Lanark Co. June 5th,

NO. 3.

Bees are in pretty fair condition, very little swarming yet—nor is there likely to be much during the season; Never in the history of the district has there been such a burning withering drouth. No rain, except a very slight sprinkle, for about fifty days. Clover prospects are out of it for this year. Can not say yet as to basswood.

M. B. Holmes.

Leeds Co. Ont. June 5th,

NO. 5.

The bees have done well so far, rarely has the weather been so favorable during fruit bloom and the hives are heavy with honey, in fact, have had to take combs of honey from the brood chamber; had two extracting supers on one colony in apple bloom but fear the clover yield will be light as the weather keeps very dry.

Yours truly,

J. W. Sparling.

Durham Co., June 6.

NO. 6.

Bees wintered well in this district and are in good condition now. Clover is plentiful and in bloom already. With a reasonable amount of moisture a good crop of honey ought to be secured.

H. G. Sibbald.

Peel Co., June 5th.