

is perfection. The upper stories have from ten to forty pounds each in, from my Jones' hives I have extracted an average of 15 lbs. and they are full again; swarming has been steady, no great rush, have had no chance to notice basswood, thistles and fall flowers looking well; prospects excellent. I am afraid the May frosts injured basswood.

Monticello.

GEORGE WOOD.

WELLINGTON.

Report neglected, as I have hardly had time to write a card. Honey coming in good, thistles in bloom, but no work yet on them, bees are working on white clover. I have taken an average of 25 lbs per colony spring count. My bees are only just beginning to swarm nicely, but are as early as I care for. Markets, 12½c. and 20c. for extracted and comb Cannot say anything definite about basswood bloom, but think it is all right

Mount Forest.

J. H. DAVISON.

OXFORD.

The past two weeks have been all that could be asked for by bee-keepers. Clover is still in bloom, basswood is beginning to blossom and bees will be working on it in two or three days. Thistles are also plentiful. The weather is just right for the bees. Have extracted top stories once; they run from 20 to 40 lbs. each. Some of the sections are nicely sealed over. There is a good demand for extracted honey: price 10c. in large quantities, 12c. retail

MARTIN EMIGH.

Holbrook.

BRUCE.

The weather continues to be very favorable with the exception of one or two days which were rainy. The clover is unusually plentiful and the bees are gathering and swarming accordingly. The thistles gave an abundant flow last year and to all appearance are going to do still better this, as they look more vigorous than they did this time last year on account of the many showers we have had. To all appearance the honey season is going to last much longer around here than it has done heretofore.

MALCOLM THOMSON.

Kincardine.

BRUCE.

Since my last report the bees in this county have had favorable weather; only one day idle since, which they needed very much for rest. But with them it was neither a day of idleness nor of rest; as they had plenty to do within doors. The mornings, however, were often foggy, and the dew very heavy, so we ex-

pect a large quantity of water and honey to be thrown on the market very soon, with the label in large letters: "Pure Honey." For the half of what the bees now gather is water; and many know not what ripe honey is, and some care not to learn, or wait till the bees ripen it. The days are now excessively hot, and the intelligent bee-keeper must apply his remedy against the swarming oftener, or his surplus will not be much this season in this county.

Tiverton

J. ANDERSON.

ESSEX.

Bees are doing fine now. Basswood is just opened up and honey is coming in with a rush. Lots of sections filled already. The weather is all that can be asked for. Local showers keep everything fresh. Never saw bees swarm as much. Lots that had one swarm this spring have five now. Crops of all kinds good—hay and straw never were better. There will be a large crop of honey and bees in this western part of Ontario. Bee-keepers will laugh this fall.

R. E. SMITH.

Tilbury Centre.

MANITOBA.

LISGAR.

Brood-rearing has been booming, swarming likewise, and general hustling of the apiarist to keep up to ditto. The weather is somewhat dry, but plenty honey coming in for domestic bee purposes and some surplus is expected any day. The weather, outside of being dry, has been very favorable. Made ten nuclei for rearing queens to-day, hived one swarm, got stung, and went to a picnic.

C. F. BRIDGMAN.

Fernton, Man.

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In the Apiary Some Experiences.

It is quite a pleasure to work in the apiary when the season is fairly good and the bees attend closely to business in the fields and have no inclination to meddle with the wealth of their neighbors. Such has been my good fortune since the 20th of May last. There has been too much rain for best results, still my apiary is paying fairly well this season.

SWARMING IN THE NATURAL WAY.

Bees have swarmed liberally, without excess this season. I so managed my bees during swarming as to avoid after-swarms altogether. When a swarm would issue it was hived on the old stand, and nearly all the bees were shaken from the combs of the parent colony and the