

and gave a good supply of honey in 1895. Bees wintered well here. I wintered in my cellar but don't approve of cellar wintering although my bees did well in the cellar. Bees do well in spring as there is lots of willow to gather from here. Bees have done well on buckwheat. Basswood was good this year and swarming was good also. The Dutch and Alsike clovers were good up to the drought. This is a good place for bees. The only fault I find, is, the winter is a little too long. Will you please send me a copy of the Bee Journal; I think I will take it.

ANDREW BLACK.

St. Joseph Island.

In answer to your questions asked :

1. One per cent.
2. Indoor wintering 50 per cent. lost—outdoor 30 per cent.
3. Very fast; but many were very weak.
4. Above the average.
5. Under the average.
6. Above the average.
7. Not enough grown to be able to tell; are working somewhat on the little that is grown.
8. Would swarm as you could wish if not prevented.

Those whose bees came out in good order would net them about 100 lbs. per colony; while those that came out weak, mine being among them, barely 50 lbs.

A. PICKET.

Nassagaweya, Halton Co. Ont.

1. The swarming last year was not up to the average.
2. The bees wintered very well.
3. They built up in the spring very poorly on account of the cold and frost.
4. The clover flow of honey was very good this year.
5. Basswood was pretty good.
6. The thistle we have none, so I cannot say how it was.
7. The buckwheat honey has been plentiful.
8. The swarming has been very good this year.

I am writing from my own experience for there are very few keep bees around here, but mine have done better this year than they have for about four or five years.

Yours truly,

ARCHY MCINTYRE.

In reply to your letter of inquiry of Aug. 8th, I regret that I am not in a position to answer your questions satisfactorily and

intelligently, but will give you the following for what it is worth :

Last spring after the apple bloom was over, I received a hive from Goold, Shapley and Muir, they were in good condition when received, but their stores were nearly exhausted before clover bloomed. However when clover bloomed (alsike and white) they filled the body of their hive with honey and sent out two swarms which in turn nearly filled their hives (the body only with clover honey and filled it completely with basswood honey. I have taken no surplus yet. I put a super on each of the three hives about the 10th of July, but no honey has been stored in them. They were filled with section foundation.

Thistle or buckwheat can hardly be considered as honey sources in this locality, as there is only about 10 acres of buckwheat that I know of but wish there was more.

From the foregoing you can perhaps form an idea of the honey season or my skill.

Bee-keeping in this vicinity seems to be on the retrograde, due perhaps to the practice of obsolete methods and the disappearance of honey-yielding trees, which are destroyed in large numbers annually by fire and axe, and perhaps the poorer prices for the products of the apiary might be added.

Hoping these few lines will meet with your approval, I remain yours very truly,

A. E. BROWN.

Port Albert, Ont., Aug. 17th. 1896.

1. None. No honey, The second failure in 13 years.
2. In cellar good; outdoors not extra good.
3. Built up very rapidly this spring. Spring very favorable.
4. None whatever. I never saw as little. We had no rain during April, May or June except a few showers. In fact we have only had one good rain since the first of April. This has been the driest season ever known.
5. Basswood was extra. As good as I have ever seen it.
6. We never have any.
7. " " "
8. I ran altogether for extracted in Basswood bloom, knowing its short duration and having a large surplus of combs. I placed them on. Had no swarming. My neighbors report some swarms. Only heard of two runaway swarms this season.

Aug. 20th. 1896.

WILL ELLIS.

St. Davids, Sween Niagara Co