

WM. ELLIS.—There is every present prospect of a good season. All signs, however, may fail.
St. Davids, Ont., May 7th, 1889.

REV. D. ANDERSON.—Bees hereabout appear to have wintered well. Mine I put out on the 17th April, ten days earlier than last spring, and they were busy bringing in pollen two or three hours after they were set out. The weather at time of writing is bleak and cold.
St. Andrews, Que., May 1st, 1889.

ALEX. BLACK.—I am glad to report that my bees wintered well. I put 17 colonies in cellar last fall, lost one of them through queenlessness, all the rest came out in fine condition. I took them out on 8th of April and they commenced gathering pollen on the 12th. Am looking forward to a better season than we had last and I think we all need it.

Songa, April 30th, 1889.

L. WELLER.—I have 50 swarms; all came through with no loss. Set out on 6th March, 6 hives first; two weeks later 18 more, first week in April the balance of them. It is cold now and has been for over a week. Last year lost 30 by spring dwindling. Only had ten swarms for the season. Sold over \$15 worth of honey from 10 to 20 cents per pound.

G. L. McLAUGHLIN.—Commenced season of 1888 with six colonies. Took 325 lbs. of extracted honey and increased to nine. Wintered part in chaff hives and part in clamp packed with chaff about a foot all around, lids off hives, a cotton cloth over frames and fifteen inches of chaff on top. Lost one colony in chaff hive; the rest are in fair condition, carrying in pollen plentifully.

Blackstock, Ont., April 29, 1889.

R. H. SMITH.—Put bees out of cellar on the 16th and before night they were carrying pollen. On looking them over I found they had consumed much less stores than other years, perhaps owing to the mild winter and warmth of cellar 45 to 48°. Found one dead out of fifty with plenty of stores, the rest strong with brood, well started, several had hatching bees. On enquiry I find that bees have wintered well throughout the district.

Bracebridge, April 27, 1889.

RICHARD RIVERS.—I enclose subscription for another year and must say I am much pleased with the addition of the Poultry Department. My wife thinks it will help her very much amongst her poultry. I lost all my bees last year but one hive; bought three swarms and increased one more, so put five hives in winter quarters. Came out with four; three very strong; the other weak. Though I lost so many bees (18 hives) and got no honey last year, yet I am determined to give them another trial and need the Bee Journal to help me along.

Walkerton, April 29, 1889.

SUBSCRIBER.—This is my report in the spring of 1888. I came out with 40 good colonies and five bad ones, and I took 1500 lbs. of surplus

honey, 1000 lbs. of comb honey in section, and 500 of extracted, and increased to 94. In the fall united to 68 and put them in in winter quarters the last day of October—60 in cellar and 8 packed in sawdust outside. This spring I took out the 60 colonies from the cellar all good and strong. Of those packed in sawdust one died through starvation and since that five of them were robbed. Was busy at something else and couldn't attend to them, and to-day I have 62 colonies.

Glen Sandfield.

PETER BRENNAN.—What is the best kind of timber to make a table for a foot-power sawing machine that will not shrink, and the best way to put it together?

Birch, beech, maple or white ash. Cut from one to two inches wide, and glue or dowel together.

I got first-class sugar and melted it down and made it into cakes and fed it to my bees, and they are carrying it out. What is the reason?
Lakeside, Ont.

You allowed it to granulate, and they extracted the moisture and carried out the sugar.

Convention Notice.

The International Bee-Keepers' Association meets at Brantford, Dec. 4 to 6. R. F. Hotterman, Sec'y.

OXFORD BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Oxford B. K. Association will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1889, commencing at 9 a. m. promptly, at the Council Chamber, Woodstock. As important business is to be transacted in connection with the Fall Fairs all members are earnestly requested to attend.

J. E. FRITH, Secretary.

Special Announcement.

WE have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a copy of that valuable work FREE by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to Dr. B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURGH FALLS, VT. This book is now recognized as standard authority upon all diseases of the horse, as its phenomenal sale attests, over four million copies having been sold in the past ten years, a sale never before reached by any publication in the same period of time. We feel confident that our patrons will appreciate the work, and be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity of obtaining a valuable book.

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