

8. Fair. On the whole the season not up to the average, the forepart too cold and dull, the later part entirely dry. Have taken about 50lbs. per colony, spring count, and doubled the number of colonies.

Yours truly,

A. E. TRUSSLER.

Trout Creek, Parry Sound Dist.

1. Swarming last year was very limited, about 50 per cent. of the hives gave swarms.

2. Bees wintered fairly well around here.

3 The bees built up well. The willow and soft maple were good, and the fruit bloom and dandelion came next very abundantly, which help the bees considerable.

4. The clover flow has been very light on account of the dry weather and grass-hoppers. Grass-hoppers were so plentiful that they ate the leaves and blossoms, and they have kept it down the whole summer, and next summer will be as bad as the farmers sowed lots of clover this year and it didn't grow. What grew was killed by the sun.

5. The basswood flow was very good.

6. Thistle was of no account, very little of them around here.

7. No buckwheat grown around here to any account.

8 Swarming this year was a failure. A good many that wanted increase prepared their hives beforehand expecting swarms, but it was too dry. For my part out of sixty colonies I only got four swarms, and that was the same all around here except one man. His bees commenced swarming on the 14th of May, and they kept swarming right along. Very little honey.

Yours truly,

A. J. BLAIR.

W. Sandfield, Glengarry Co., Ont.

If you had known how small my little apiary was, I doubt if you would have asked me for my report for this season; and I want to assure you that I have nothing startling to report in the way of a large honey crop. I only had eighteen colonies come out under 9 feet of snow here, and three of that number queenless, two of which perished out in short order. The third one was a trifle stronger in bees. I gave them a queen and they pulled through, but it has taken them all their time, even with help, to make a strong colony, and were no good for surplus. Therefore, I had only 15 colonies to run for this year, four of which were worked for surplus and eleven for extracted, and the result is as follows:—837 pounds of extracted honey, some more to follow. Average per colony, 76.2-11 pounds, but principally taken

from six hives; 100 pounds comb, well finished, with some not finished. Average, 25 pounds per hive, but principally taken from two hives. The clover yield was very light, owing some to the small acreage in close proximity to the apiary. Basswood yielded exceptionally good, but the bees were greatly hindered from starting by the high winds which prevailed pretty nearly every day while the bloom lasted.

D. W. HEISE.

Bethesda, York Co., Ont.

Replying to your favour of the 8th inst. would say.

1. Swarming in 1895 was very limited.

2. Bees in some instances wintered good, while in others they were all lost.

3. Those that survived the winter, built up quickly.

4. The clover flow has been a failure, owing to the clover having been winter killed.

5. The basswood in some places has been good, while in others a few miles distant reports say nil.

6. We don't cultivate thistles here, as it comes under the Act in respect to noxious weeds.

7. Buckwheat flow is over; what little buckwheat was left from the ravages of the grasshopper, yielded well.

8. Swarming this season was in many cases excessive.

This is an off year with your humble servant and with many others in this section. The sad news of Mr. Pringle's death reached us like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. His good council will be missed at our future conventions.

W. J. BROWN.

Chard, Prescott Co., Ont., Aug. 17th, '96.

Replying to yours of the 8th inst., I will say that swarming was about at an average last year, but owing to the drought of last year the bees stored very little surplus; heavy feeding of sugar syrup became necessary to put them in good shape for wintering. The year Spring opened early, with nice warm weather, so the bees had a good chance to build up and get ready for the white clover, which was very plentiful hereabouts, but owing to the lack of rain during the months of May and June there was very little nectar in it. The bees gathered just enough to carry on brood-rearing, which, owing to the steady warm weather, was carried out at a lively rate, and as a result, swarming was very excessive. Of course, the usual methods of handling the parent hive, so as to prevent