

REPORTS ON THE



HONEY CROP

I have forty hives, no swarms, no surplus honey, and there is none in the vicinity.

Robert Coverdale.

Canfield, July 22nd, 1895.

The honey crop in this locality is very light, about half as much as usual owing to the extreme drought. I have an acre of Bochara (sweet) clover, in bloom for some time past, from which I will get most of my honey. Scarcely any swarming with me or anyone else as far as I know.

D. P. Niven.

St. Catharines, July 23rd, 1895.

The honey flow has been very moderate here this year. It chiefly comes from Alsike clover. Lack of rain for the last fifteen days has been the cause of scarceness of nectar. No basswood here, no buckwheat, or only in small quantity.

Jacques Verret.

Charlesbourg, Que., July 25th, 1895.

The honey crop in this part is rather short, the clover being cut with the frost last spring and dry weather setting in has shortened the honey crop. No basswood this year. The bees seem to be in good condition this year but very few swarm. About forty lbs. per colony this season. Last year my bees gave me an average of 100 lbs. per colony, and from several colonies I have extracted 150 lbs. We had a heavy flow from the basswood last year. Bees came through well last winter; lost one colony. I use the Jones & Langstroth hives; I prefer the Langstroth hive. Bees winter far better with me when in the Langstroth hive. The combs do not mould so much as when in the large Jones hives. I winter in the cellar with temperature 40 to 41 degrees.

Chas. Oldham.

Tifford, Muskoka.

Honey around here is a failure on account of the continued dry weather. No clover, basswood was killed by the frost, but west of my place on higher ground I understand the crop is fair. We depend largely on buckwheat here.

N. D. West.

Middleburgh, N. Y., July 17, 1895.

Honey crop is a failure this year. My first extracting was on the 17th of July. I extracted 600 lbs out of 50 colonies spring count, while last year same date I had 2,000 lbs of honey out of the same number of col-

onies. I notice this week they are killing drones, a sign that no honey is coming in. Swarming was very limited, about 10 per cent has swarmed; the balance only built up and gave a little surplus. There is no honey coming in now. Everything is dried up by the extreme heat and drought. If we do not get rain soon there is no more honey for us this year. We had about half a crop from clover and very little from basswood on account of being frozen by that cold spell we had in May. I calculate that 20 lbs per colony will be the average this year around here, and perhaps only 10. It will be according to fall flowers.

A. & J. Blair.

Glen Sandfield, Ont., July 22, 1895.

The honey crop is very slim here. Bees did pretty well till the end of June. Since then they have done nothing.

J. W. Sparling

Bowmanville, July 15th, 1895.

Owing to the prolonged drought in this locality, the white honey crop will be light this year.

Andrew Nicoll.

Norwood, July 18th, 1895.

We have had three poor years but the present one is the worst of all. I have had no swarms and I do not hear of any in this neighborhood, and a very good thing, there being nothing for the bees to get except from the Alsike clover. No white clover on account of the terrible dry season. There will be very little basswood bloom, it being destroyed by the frost. I think the surplus honey will not exceed 10 lbs. per colony. I have taken some very fair sections and have also extracted some frames produced from the Alsike clover, but I do not intend to extract close; better to leave the bees plenty, as I have no great faith in the remainder of the season adding much to the honey crop.

Rickview, Ont.

Thomas Ramage.

We have no honey flow here this year, it is a complete failure. So far the bees are working a little on thistles. Now since the rain came if they get enough to winter on I will be well satisfied. It is the worst year for honey I ever experienced. The frost killed the clover and basswood and most of the fruit bloom. Charles Brown. Drumquinn, July 24th, 1895.