

poor lookout for fall flow. Clover a total failure in this district. If we do not have rain shortly many a hive will go into winter quarters short of stores. Have had but one shower in this district since last April.

NORFOLK.

SIMCOE.—There has not been a pound of honey taken. The bees are doing better now; will fill their hives from linden, which we will not be able to extract owing to the uncertainty of the fall flow, although the prospects are good. I presume you are not all troubled at Beeton with lame back from carrying the comb bucket to the extracting room.

ONTARIO.

OSHAWA.—The bees have not done much; the season has been too dry. Alsike clover was a complete failure in this section. My stocks are full of bees. I have had no swarms at home but have had some in my out apiary. I came through the winter with 110 stocks. From the way things look I do not think I will have over 1000 pounds of comb honey. I do not work for extracted honey at all. All the bees in this section have done badly. No swarms to speak of, and honey is going to be very scarce.

OXFORD.

HOLBROOK.—My bees have not stored one pound. Had 15 swarms and put them back. Basswood will be out in four days; expect a little then. The fall flow must be very light in this section, as we have but few fall flowers.

PEEL.

STREETSVILLE.—Have not taken one pound per colony to date. Basswood is in bloom but not yielding. Thistle is yielding to supply immediate wants only. Our prospects are the worst we have ever had as we have no fall pasture.

PERTH.

STRATFORD.—We have had very little surplus from clover, and linden will not be opened until the last of this week. Have no crop to report as yet. Have had twenty swarms, beginning season with twenty-eight colonies. If we do not have rain soon there will be no fall flow here.

SIMCOE.

BEETON.—Light rains last week started the bees on the basswood and the copious rains of Saturday and Sunday (22nd) made things fairly boom. Thistle is now yielding splendidly. From present indications our fall yield will be good.

WELLAND.

ST. DAVIDS.—Poorest crop since I began bee-keeping. No prospects for fall flow. Raining

beautifully now. You request report about two weeks too early.

WELLINGTON.

MOUNT FOREST.—Average six and a half pounds per colony. No swarms. Prospects bad unless we get rain. Very little yield from clover. Honey here worth 15 cents. No trouble to sell.

HOLLIN.—Up to this date I have not taken a single ounce of honey, and I am of the opinion that my bees have no more than would be sufficient to winter them. On the first of June I had 41 colonies in grand condition. I sold eight colonies and three first swarms, and have at this date 43 colonies in the best possible condition to take a grand honey flow if it were to be got. All my bees are in two-story hives, but I find, with this room, they are so strong that they sometimes steal a march on me and swarm. My hive is one inch shallower and one-quarter of an inch wider, but the same length as the Jones hive. Though basswood bloom is just coming in yet prospects are not good from that source as compared with other seasons. What fall flow we may have, if we can have lots of rain, we are yet unable to decide. As far as I have heard the reports from this neighborhood will be much the same as my own. To give you an idea of what clover yielded I may say there are several fields of Alsike clover and ordinary clover within a half mile of my place. I think they got nearly as much from maple and fruit bloom as from clover.

YORK.

TORONTO.—I would say about 27 pounds would be the average thus far from 30 hives, principally from fruit bloom. 35 to extract yet and all from upper storeys. Expect a fair yield. Three swarms thus far.

The National Bee-keepers' Union.

WE have received from the general manager, Thomas G. Newman, of Chicago, the third annual report of the above Association for the year ending June 30th, 1888. In his introductory remarks the manager says: "That so far the Union has been successful in every case that it has undertaken in defence of the position of bee-keepers; no decision has yet been obtained inimical to the pursuit of bee-keeping." Speaking of the membership he says that it has not increased as much as was expected, but he hopes it will for the future. Speaking of the cases which have come before the notice of the Association, the report goes on