

and the nearest bee-keeper to P. E. I. from whom we could buy bees?

JAMES P. COOKE,

Charlottetown.

QUEBEC.

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Weather very warm; beginning of May raw cold, sufficient to yellow the young corn; last part of May to 10th June cloudy with frequent showers. No swarms; bees being confined to hives by cold, but doing better now in rearing brood. Clover promises a great yield; fruit blossoms and dandelions over but bees did not benefit by them; working now on raspberries. Before the late cold quite a little honey gathered; cool nights.

H. F. HUNT,

Villa Mastai, June 15, '89.

ST. JOHNS.

Past two weeks have been very rainy and many skeps have starved out. Bees are reduced greatly in consequence. Locusts and white and alsike clover are in bloom but no honey coming in.

W. A. PEARSON.

Lacolle, June 15, '89.

ONTARIO.

LANARK.

Extremely wet up to the 10th. Slight flow of honey for some time, coming in a little better the last week; some colonies are storing a little, white clover beginning to bloom; will not be very abundant in this section. Drouth of two seasons past and want of snow last winter has killed a lot of it. Swarming in a small way has been going on since the 10th. One of our neighbors had a swarm come from an old box hive in May. Prospects are not very bad at present. Don't know what the weather may be—if it continues cold and wet there will not be a very large amount of clover honey and the bees will not be able to take what little there is. Great promise of basswood at present if the weather is suitable. Very little alsike clover sown; can't say about buckwheat. Dandelion has given some and is not dying yet.

J. K. DARLING.

Almonte, June 18, '89.

LEEDS.

The weather for the past ten or twelve days has been very showery, almost a continued rain and at times was heavy. The weather previous to that had been favorable for the secretion of honey and some considerable had been stored but it was all required by the brood during the above mentioned honey dearth. The prospects for a good honey harvest are fine. White and

alsike clover are just opening and looking grand. There has been no swarming in this locality as yet except from small old-fashioned box hives and very few have those. The C. B. J is now (with the Poultry Weekly added) a paper which should be found in every farmer's home. At two cents per number none can afford to do without it.

MATTHEW B. HOLMES.

Athens.

LENNOX.

The past week has been fairly favorable for bees as to weather, and they have flown from the commencement of clover bloom. The clover, however, is not abundant, owing to the past two or three unfavorable summers. The week preceding the last was not favorable, being cold and rainy and yielding but little honey. The prospects are fair.

A. PRINGLE.

Selby, Ont.

VICTORIA.

Hardly a day fit for handling bees from May 17th to 10th June. Several stocks (eight per cent.) played out during that time, all in frame hives. No loss in warm diagonal comb hives. On 11th or 12th clover began to yield. I find bees on red clover blossoms just opening out. Am informed that basswoods in the fields have dropped their blossom buds, presumably from effects of frosts. Nectar gathered last three days is the thinnest I ever saw, but it has made the bees take hold on partly built sections, and the prospect is now that we may get section honey from clover. Just completed clipping all queens. Don't think there is a queen cell having brood in the whole yard, but cells are being formed. Have not heard of a swarm yet in this neighborhood. About 70 per cent of my bees are good to extra good, 20 per cent medium to good and 10 per cent weak. Lost 4 out of 94 in wintering and about 10 or 12 since. Wintered in cellar. Bees were in poor condition last fall, food granulated. Not being a Wiggins, cannot give the "weather prospects" but will take it as it comes. The foregoing information is furnished and will be continued twice a month on condition that those furnishing it are given the results twice a month for which if necessary I am willing to contribute \$1 per year as it is done by an American association.

S. CORNEIL.

Lindsay, June 15th, 1889.

MUSKOKA.

Since the 21st of May we had but three sunny days on which bees could fly all day, viz.: 12th, 13th and 14th of June. They seemed to gather honey fast during these fine days. A medium