

How Bees are Wintering.

Bees are wintering well in the cellar quiet and dry. Very few dead bees on the floor yet. Those outside cannot help wintering well unless the frequent flies they have had may induce the queens to lay and thus consume their stores brood rearing now and leave them short afterwards.

H. G. Sibbald.

Peel Co., Ont., Jan. 29th.

My bees are wintering well so far; better than I had hoped for, as the last season was a poor one. I put in 77 swarms and they are doing nicely. If we have a decent spring I think they will come through in good shape.

E. A. Buzzell.

Rouville Co., Que., Jan. 25th.

Up to the present conditions have been favorable for the bees wintering, but I would be very much pleased if they could have a good fly-day in the near future.

D. W. Heise.

York Co., Ont., Jan. 29th.

Bees are wintering well, I think. Those out of doors had a splendid fly a couple of days ago and those in the cellar are very quiet. I am afraid we are not getting enough snow to protect the clover and we may have another freeze out like last winter.

J. D. Evans.

York Co., Ont., Jan. 25th.

Common Black. The Italians and Carnolians are imported queens, I have been trying this as an experiment. I am very much pleased with the Canadian Bee Journal and wish you every success in your undertaking. I am looking forward for a good season. My bees are mostly Italian blood (not imported). I find that they are the best for business.

C. E. TAYLOR,

Harrow Smith, February 1st.

Bee-Keeping in Switzerland.

A writer in the Country Gentleman, says in a foreign letter:

"As every traveller knows, honey is much in evidence, at almost every meal in Switzerland. The Republic has an excellent bee school at Zug, where there are usually five and twenty students undergoing training in the brief honey-producing season, which (as far as commercial production goes) extends to but three or four months—the later stores being always allowed to remain in the hives for the insects' winter use. The bee most valued is the small brown German variety, which beats the Italian and Carniolan sorts hollow in foraging and hot weather. I regret to see that complaints are rife as to the import of adulterated honey, and need hardly say where the complaint chiefly lies. Scarce one of the old-fashioned straw 'skeps' is now in use, the most approved bar hives being in almost universal use.

C. P. Dadant sums up the wintering question in a few words. "Good healthy food, and even temperature, quietness and a fair amount of ventilation.

DEAR SIR—I put 65 colonies of bees in repository Dec. 18th and left three colonies outside they are all in good shape at date. The bees outside have not had a fly as the weather has not been favorable, the three that are outside are three different strains of bees, Carnolians, Italians and the