

is an exception in this part of the country; mud and rough roads are prevailing up to date. For the past two months the temperature in the bee cellars got up too high, caused breeding and uneasiness, and many of the bees came out and fell on the cellar floor. On March 7 th. it was 60 degrees above zero in the open air and many bee-keepers put their bees out, but those leaving them out met with heavy losses in the strength of the colony as the weather became cooler and the air kept raw and it is very unfavorable even now. Winter grain, clover and grass look very dead on account of no snow, it has been freezing and thawing alternately all winter, so far the loss of bees cannot be estimated, and will depend on the weather for next month or two, I have not mine out yet but am waiting for a good day."

MR. A. BECHTEL, of Port Elgin writes :—This is a poor place for bees; I do not intend keeping more than two or three colonies. I sulphured nearly all my bees last fall, and it is not worth while going into bees any more in this part of the country unless the Foul Brood Inspector comes here and provides a remedy. Got 1400 lbs. of honey last summer, but have not sold it all yet. We are selling good honey for six, and seven cents per lb, and best comb honey for ten. I think it is on account of sugar being so cheap it lessens the price of honey.

MR. H. COUSE, in a private note says his bees wintered splendidly, and that he intends to put them out in a few days.

MR GEO. F. BEACH says :—My bees are wintering good so far. Have in all fifty hives; thirty five in cellar, fifteen packed out-doors.

Please send Journal along another year. Enclosed please find \$1. for same
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MR. D. ANGUISH, Southwold, Ont., writes :—There has been quite a loss among bees in this part of the country, small bee-keepers are pretty well wiped out of existence, but what is one man's loss is another's gain. For my part, I cannot complain, I put in winter quarters last fall 168 colonies, they are all alive to-day and in fine condition except two, which are queenless. So you see bees can be wintered outside without loss. My bees gathered pollen on the 3rd of this month, and to-day (April 5th) are working on soft maple. Everything looks well for this time of the year.

We are sorry to learn that there are such heavy losses of bees in section but your success only proves that those who attend to their bees properly are sure of success.

Good Locality For Bees

Dear Journal :— As I have got settled down to business again and this time for myself in Southwold with no less than 200 colonies of bees in three separate yards. I thought I would drop you a few lines. I have one of the best locations in Ontario, one of my yards containing 100 colonies is on an Indian Reserve beside the river Thames, where there is a weed called Bluedevil growing in abundance. The other two yards are bordering on the same reserve, I intend contributing to the C. B. J. during the coming season; my subject will be from practical Bee-Keeping, not scientific, as we get sufficient of that at our conventions. Probably some of our friends will feel inclined to criticise, but my idea is that what we want, is something for the novice. I intend to begin with the old box hive and give something every month but will not give the new method for some time yet. I am going to run 100 colonies on Mr. Alpaugh's new plan this coming summer. I worked for Mr. Alpaugh last season and extracted from one colony in his yard nearly 174 pounds of honey.

Truly Yours.

D. ANGUISH, Southwold.

The weed you call Bluedevil is *Viprus Bluegloss*. We shall be pleased to have the articles you propose to write for us as we are sure they will be very interesting.

Bees wintering well.

BEES in this locality as far as my own apiary is concerned, have come through the winter so far in splendid condition. I examined them on the 24th of March and they were very strong in bees with plenty of honey. I winter them out doors packed in chaff, with a good cushion of the same over the cluster; and after a trial of this plan for five years, they always come through in good condition if they have plenty of honey. They have had two or three good flights this spring which I think is an advantage that bees wintered in the cellar do not get. I set my hives close together in a row, and pack chaff over and around them and place a cushion in the upper story. Notwithstanding the fact that they are very near one another they never mix of any account, but seem to all find their own hives. This locality (Wentworth Co) is an excellent one for bees, and I find much pleasure and profit in taking care of them.

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