

cellar maintained, nor artificial heating. One has to mention is that previous to setting on the floor over a was no drain to the ring soakage following the cellar, made a under the bees. One had dire results in such mainly did, but the good constantly through the kept the bees perfectly only objection I had to terribly cold feet I got day in it. Of course rain will be provided to face water which seems sandy soil as it would I have gotten out a eight frame Langeworth of three 2 x 24" stands. four pieces and hinged, the same as a section ad up in a square. It about 3" right around be filled with sawdust. piece of consequence is over all. I put these his spring and packed ure with the necessary does not take ten min-ve. I wish I could take same for your better in-n not in use the casings to use the same simile s in the flat. Honestly, d to me I would like to w a patent is obtained. ould let me have a little ine. The frame of the th a roofing paper cover-the sawdust.

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certainly going to prove for during the past week the 20th and 30th of ther was very warm, al-degrees in the shade dur-d of course great for bees eens laid fast (for I went hive) and no doubt taxed their covering capacity. l comes, the coldest day embered in this country s, and hives unprotected wind and frost must cer-ferred from chilled brood.

H. H. Selwyn.

Last fall I packed 13 colonies in chaff and wintered outdoors and placed 90 in cellars. I lost one out of the 13 and seven out of the 90, two others are queenless and will have to be united with another having a good queen.

Some of the writers to the Canadian Bee Journal seem to be troubling themselves about getting the honey from cappings. My plan is to melt the capping in the honey that comes off with them, by putting in shallow pans in an oven. If carefully done this will not injure the honey in the least.

Of course this heating of the honey thickens it a little, but the flavor is improved. After it has cooled I put it in the barrel with the rest. I strain all my honey as I take it from the extractor through a fine wire sieve, then let it stand in barrels a few days before putting in cans. By doing this there is only a very thin scum of cappings to skim off each barrel. As for the flavor and quality of this honey, people here in Ontario who buy it, pronounce it the best they have ever had, and people in Vancouver say they cannot buy any out there equal to it.

Sunbury.

George E. Webb.

Regarding the wintering of bees in this locality, would say they have wintered very good. I lost a few through lack of stores and two or three were rather weak in bees. The honey prospects look very good at present. New clover came through in good shape. It is our main honey plant. Fruit blossoms are coming on in fine shape. Pollen and a little nectar has been coming in two or three weeks, and all colonies are building up fine.

Oxford Co.

R. E. Adamson.

Bees came through the winter fairly nice. Have 66 colonies to the good out of 70. Honey is coming in nicely and bees are building up fast. By the time that clover bloom is on we won't know that spring was cold and backward.

Popular.

Wm. Robinson.

I put 23 colonies in the cellar on November 29th. They were stronger and better fed than any I had ever wintered before. I had given over 20 pounds of sugar to the colony. Took them out April 13th. Found many of them short of stores; ten dead. Have 18 colonies left. It was the first time I had tried wintering without fire in the house.

Meadowdale.

M. B. Trevorrow.

We put 145 colonies in repository above ground—too warm all winter—45 to 50 degrees, sometimes 60 degrees. Put out April 11th. Had 140 colonies—Four queenless, one starved, two weak ones, robbed since; 136 colonies now in fair condition. Prospects not very good here. Clover badly killed out (Red Clover and Alfalfa especially). However am in hopes White and Alsike will come on fairly well. Am building a cellar under-ground. hope to winter better.

Woodrows, Ont.

R. Lowey.

Bees have wintered finely, and in spite of the cold are breeding up splendidly. Clover is in excellent condition and every thing looks favorable for a good crop of honey in 1911.

Birmingham, Ohio.

J. E. Hand.

Put away in St. George yard 175; took out in spring 100. Home yard, fall 17; spring 17.

Paris.

Alex. Taylor.

Bees wintered well. Fall count 64; spring count 62.

Cainsville.

Jas. H. Shaver.

I may say bees have wintered well. They were fed part sugar and part honey. My loss was about 5 out 100. The outlook for the honey crop is fairly good as the clover was not wintered killed.

Alexandria.

Fred St. John.

As you have kindly asked the subscribers of your valuable journal to contribute some information as to the present condition of their bees, I will give my little experience and prospects for the present season. I wintered in the cellar. Put in 130 colonies, and only lost one, and I never saw them so well advanced at this time of the year. Brood in several of them on the outside combs and no lack of honey. Any amount of dandelions in this locality. Ontario is a great field for the honey business, if properly carried on. Room for fifty times the amount produced at present. There is a rapidly growing demand in Ontario for honey at good prices, and in Western Canada where they cannot produce at a profit, it is Ontario's best market. I have shipped honey to the Northwest, as we call it for the past sixteen years. It was slow sale at first; then prices were not nearly so high as now. Last year I could have sold all my crop at home. I did not write to any one in the west as my stock wasn't large. After a little I got orders amounting to about four tons. A friend, who was a good man in the

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