

## Bee-Keeping in the North West.

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SIR,—I beg to call the attention of the bee-keepers of Ontario to the North West as a country for bee-keeping. In the spring of 1887, I sent for and received two colonies of bees, which increased to five by the fall. In the following spring three colonies were found to be living and in good condition. In the spring of 1888 I sent for two more colonies, but one died enroute. The same year the increase was

ies out in the country about 8 miles, and, owing to a cavein in the cellar, I was reduced to eight colonies, which increased during the summer to twenty-two colonies. In 1893 I took from the cellar fifteen colonies in prime condition, which increased to thirty-eight during the summer. I also took from them about 300 lbs. of honey, which sold at 25c. a pound. In 1894 my increase was to forty-five colonies, but there was no fall flow of honey, and I had to feed them on sugar. My loss by starvation this year was twenty hives, which was the most of any year. In 1895 my



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6 hives. The following spring all the colonies were in good condition and increased to 12. The same year we were able to take enough honey to supply the home. In 1889 there was very little honey, and the bees did not swarm very much. The loss in the spring was four swarms, but they increased to seventeen swarms. In 1890 there were taken from the cellar only ten colonies, which increased to fifteen; this year there was also very little honey. In 1891 the colonies came out in better condition than any other year, but there was a scarcity of honey; they barely collected enough to carry them through the winter. In 1892 I changed the colon-

increase was to fifty colonies, and the honey taken was 800 lbs. of very white honey which sold very readily at 25c. a pound. In 1896 the increase was to 75 colonies of bees, but this year they only collected enough honey to winter on. In 1897 there were forty hives taken from the cellar, which increased to sixty-eight during the summer; this year was the best of any for honey.

From the forty old colonies we took 2 tons of honey, extracted, which we are selling at 20c. a pound. This spring, 1898, I took from my cellar sixty-four colonies, and there are very good prospects of a good honey flow. THOS. HENDERSON.