

fall, and on that account bees were not in good shape for winter; bees wintered outdoors in boxes, three hives to a box, covered all around sides with four inches of leaves and with six to eight inches of leaves on top; put in case early in November, taken out May 15th; sugar syrup fed quite largely for winter stores; some dysentery present; clover seems to be plentiful; alsike grown considerably, but no other crops this season on account of dry weather.

Perth—General condition very good; loss through shortage of supplies 15 per cent.; wintered in single clamps packed with forest leaves put in about the 1st November, removed May 16th; honey fed for winter stores; foul brood in five colonies; clovers are all right; alsike grown to quite an extent; very little buckwheat, plenty of basswood when it yields.

Prescott—Bees in fairly good shape; loss 10 per cent.; wintered in cellar, put in November 8th, removed April 18th; sugar syrup fed for winter stores; some signs of dysentery among six colonies; wintered on honey alone; clovers came through fine, large amounts grown here, also basswood.

Prince Edward—Most colonies dead; what few are left in good condition; very backward in building up on account of cold spring; loss 65 per cent.; honey crop total failure here in 1907, many bees starved owing to long confinement and no flight from November 8th to April 23rd, and bees flying out up to May 18th perished owing to cold winds and rain. Bees wintered in repository above ground; put in November 8th, removed April 23rd; sugar syrup fed for winter stores; clovers came through in good shape; prospects good; plenty of alsike and clover, and some buckwheat grown.

Renfrew—Colonies only in fair condition; loss here 30 per cent.; wintered in cellar, put in about November 15th; sugar syrup fed for winter stores, clovers came through in good shape.

Russell—Bees are in good condition now; about 15 per cent. loss, caused by want of stores and queenless colonies; wintered in cellar, put in November 12th, taken out April 23rd, about ten days later than usual; sugar syrup fed if necessary with about one-third honey; a few colonies showed signs of dysentery in the spring; all kinds of clovers came through in fine shape.

Simcoe—Colonies having enough honey were in good condition; loss here 20 per cent., due to shortness of stores; wintered in cellar, put in 8th December, taken out second week in April; about 40 pounds of honey left with each colony in the fall; foul brood in two hives; owing to trying season last year, clover crop is very small, about twenty acres within reach of my bees; not as much clover grown as formerly.

Victoria—Strong colonies are building up fairly well and weaker ones held their own, very weak ones dwindled badly on account of cold and wet; loss in six apiaries here 40 per cent.; wintered in clamps, four in clamp with three inches dry sawdust around and six inches on top; most of us found enough fall honey in the hives for winter stores, but where fed with sugar syrup, the queens are mostly alive now; the queens that died had more or less dysentery; foul brood present in this vicinity; alsike looks well generally; about ten acres grown on each farm; no white clover sown.

Waterloo—Only in fair condition; loss 20 per cent., caused by dysentery, and in some cases by starvation; bees partly in cellar and partly outside packed in chaff, four colonies in the case; put in cellar November 26th, removed on April 6th. Bee-keeping badly neglected here owing to failures of the last few years; not enough sugar fed, mostly honey; on account of dry fall last year, there is not much white clover; alsike looks good, but more should be raised.

Welland—Colonies in good condition; losses 5 per cent. and queenless colonies; wintered in cellar, put in November 12th, taken out April 23rd, about ten days later than usual; sugar syrup fed if necessary with about one-third honey; a few colonies showed signs of dysentery in the spring; all kinds of clovers came through in fine shape.

Wellington—Colonies in good condition; loss 12 per cent.; wintered in cellar, put in November 12th, taken out April 25th; sugar syrup fed for winter stores; clovers came through fine, large amounts grown to a considerable extent.

Wentworth—Colonies in good condition; loss 15 per cent.; wintered in cellar, put in November 12th, taken out April 23rd, about ten days later than usual; sugar syrup fed if necessary with about one-third honey; a few colonies showed signs of dysentery in the spring; all kinds of clovers came through in fine shape.

York—Colonies in good condition; loss 12 per cent.; wintered in cellar, put in November 12th, taken out April 23rd, about ten days later than usual; sugar syrup fed for winter stores; clovers came through fine, large amounts grown to a considerable extent.

A BRITISH COLONY

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