

every report presented we can vouch for as correct :

ADDINGTON.

SELBY.—About ten to fifteen pounds surplus per colony. About twenty per cent. of colonies swarmed. No prospects at present at all for fall honey, as the drouth still continues.

CARLETON.

FITZROY HARBOR.—Briefly one pound from all my bees. Commenced with 30 hives. Can speak for no one else. Do not expect any fall flow, and expect the coming winter to have to do what I have never had to do before, although I have kept bees from 1865—feed.

ELGIN.

ST. THOMAS.—There is but little honey in the district. I have not taken any yet. All the surplus the bees have got is still in the supers. There has been but little swarming and no show for a fall flow, as we do not have much of a fall flow any year.

FRONTENAC.

WILLIAMSVILLE.—Number of pounds taken thus far this year is nothing. Prospects for the fall flow, ditto. Number of swarms one, artificial two. Everything is burnt to a crisp for want of rain.

WESTBROOK.—Have given up hope of getting any surplus this season. Have not had one rain here since the snow went off excepting the tails of two or three showers. The oldest settlers have never seen a drouth like the present one. There are no signs of rain. We have hot scorching suns, dry winds, with cold nights. Hay is hardly worth cutting. Root crops are all drying up. 75 first swarms in June. The other colonies that were prepared to swarm destroyed their queen cells and killed their drones. Plenty of buckwheat was sown but none of it came up. This is the off year for linden, as nearly all of my surplus was from that source last year. The prospect is that much sugar will have to be fed.

GREY.

SHELburne.—There is no honey in this section of the country. There will be no honey to ship out. Each bee man may get enough to give himself a feed.

OWEN SOUND.—No rain for six weeks. Flowers scorched up. Average yield at present time cannot be quoted. Some places nothing. Some places ten pounds or so. Average increase below ten per cent. Future prospects like bee-keeper's spirits—gloomy.

MASSIE.—I have taken five pounds from about forty colonies. Have had three swarms. Expect no more honey this season. Basswood just

out. Expect to have to feed my bees to bring them through the winter.

HALDIMAND.

CAYUGA.—Have not heard of any surplus being taken yet. White and alsike clover are both complete failures, having been killed out. Swarming is very limited. One bee-keeper having 100 colonies has had but five swarms. Another with fifty colonies has had none. My five colonies have given two swarms. Linden is just in bloom and bees are working well now.

HURON.

BRUSSELS.—The honey crop threatens to be a failure.

SEAFORTH.—It has been the driest season ever known to the oldest inhabitants. I started with 13 colonies and increased to 19 artificially. Have 93 pounds of honey. I am afraid I can get no more. None of those I have spoken to have extracted any yet and do not expect to. Fall honey always was a myth here, neither thistle nor golden rod giving any.

LAMBTON.

PETROLEA.—The clover is an entire failure in this locality, the white clover having nearly all been killed off by the drouth of last season. There is a good deal of alsike in this locality, but has yielded no honey this season. From 26 colonies I have had but two swarms and I have taken only 100 pounds of honey. I look for a yield from basswood and fall bloom, though I fear the season is too dry for either.

SARNIA.—I have not got a pound of surplus honey this year, and I have yet to hear of any being taken in this district. Lots of clover but nothing more in it than would keep the bees going in the brood chamber. I have only had two swarms as yet. I cannot say what the fall flow will be, but will report later on. Clover is almost gone and basswood is just coming in. Last year was a poor year, but this present season beats the record. If it does not brighten up I know of more than one bee yard that will be for sale.

LANARK.

ALMONTE.—Poorest season we have ever had. All that I have met report no honey. Fall prospects are that we must feed our colonies or reduce our stocks. Increase two to ten per cent. Barely enough honey coming in to keep the new colonies moving.

LEEDS.

BROCKVILLE.—I have reports from four bee-keepers who have altogether 275 colonies. There have been but few swarms and very little honey;