

extra storey over which will be placed wire screens, thus giving them at least sufficient room to cluster above the frames and combs. Anyone who has read the back numbers of the JOURNAL, will recollect where we told how we have had colonies smothered and destroyed by not having sufficient room for all the bees to cluster and get air above the frames. We are shipping especially strong colonies to various parts of Canada and we feel confident of getting them to their destinations in safety.

Numerous enquiries come to hand as to what we think the prospects are for the harvest this year. We believe they are very good, but as we do not make the weather, it is impossible for us to say what the results will be. The great difficulty, drought, that we have experienced in the past two years is now overcome. The clovers, so far as we have been able to judge, and from reports are promising well. Some seem to think there is not as much clover as there has been some years. We recollect immense quantities of clover bloom with very little honey and only a moderate bloom with an abundance of honey. It is not the quantity of bloom, but the quantity that they contain which enables the bees to give good returns. The basswood buds are set, and they also are in sufficient quantity to give us a good yield if the weather is favorable.

The basswoods upon our streets that were just loaded with bloom last year seem to have equally as many buds on now.

There are other points that bee-keepers should consider. Much of the fruit in northern localities has been destroyed or more or less injured, in many places entirely destroyed, by frosts. Sugar is also ranging higher than usual. These will all have a tendency to make honey more sought after, and with the bare market that we now have, bee-keepers should not be in a hurry to rush their crops on the market at a sacrifice.

On the whole we consider the outlook for those who have for years, in spite of reverses, continued in the business, as very good. Perhaps next week we may be able to tell you that our honey harvest has fully commenced; that we have begun extracting clover again. We

have only prevented a great many of our colonies from swarming by placing on additional storeys, giving them more room.

A GOOD SEASON LOOKED FOR.

Reports From All Over the Dominion that the Prospects are Good.

WET AND COLD RETARD HONEY GATHERING

ACTING on the suggestion of friend Wood, of Monticello, we sent out postals to thirty correspondents in various parts of Canada, asking for semi-monthly reports. That our friends have acceded to the request the subjoined reports attest.

Nearly all complain of excess of rain, and the season which opened so auspiciously, turned cold and stormy, necessitating feeding in many parts where the apiarists had only a few days previous been compelled to use the extractor. All agree that the outlook is bright and we would ask a careful perusal of "our own apiary" notes anent rushing the crop onto the market.

We do not know that we have ever published anything of more interest than these reports, and with the voluntary efforts of our correspondents, we hope to be able to show regularly just how the industry is flourishing in this fair Dominion.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

QUEENS.

Spring opened three weeks earlier than usual, with alternate rain and sunshine, such as makes the heart of the bee-keeper glad. An abundance of dandelion and fruit blossom, clover has been in bloom since about 10th, in fact it has been the finest spring for bees I ever saw. But alas! Where are the bees? A fatality has attended them for the past three or four years and I cannot hear of a bee within 20 miles of Charlotte town. I lost mine two winters ago and believe Mr. Gourtie was reduced to one stock. The market is bare of honey and I would like quotations for clover in one pound sections and extracted. Our demand is small and caution is necessary not to glut our home market. Last two or three days have been chilly and cloudy accompanied with heavy showers. Will you tell,