

The rocky banks of the Severn River now look like one large flower garden and it makes a bee-keeper's heart laugh to take a pleasure trip down the river, enjoying good fishing at the same time. The principal flowers are golden rod, purple-top fire-weed and wild aster. If the weather keeps fine for another month I expect a large honey yield yet. Bees manifested curious freaks this season, they crowded out the queens with a super abundance of pullen in each brood comb. Swarms that returned to the old stand would ball the queen, or would swarm out again in an hour's time. Some would swarm again as soon as the queen had laid a few eggs, a queen-cell being started forthwith. Every swarm, young or old queen, would build nothing but drone comb. Unmatured drones are an excellent feed for young chicks, the little chicks will follow me from hive to hive to see if they could get a feed of dropes.

E. SCHULZ,

Kilworthy.

S. MCQUE.

I had 14 hives in the spring have increased to 30 and have taken about 1000 pounds from them. Had I had lots of store comb would have taken double I have but little doubt, could not get them to work. My good neighbor, Mr. B. Stone, had 50 colonies in the spring, but succeeded in keeping swarming down he has taken from then nearly 1100 lbs.

H. ADAMSON,

Stayner, Ont.

S. MCQUE.

Since the 18th inst. we have had all things considered, our best time this season. The yield from basswood and thistle and raspberry has been steady for the past ten days, and swarming has gone on abundantly till the increase already makes the season a good average. And we are not at the end of the aspers yet. Thistle bloom will be with us for some days, then we have buckwheat and golden rod. Some small dealers have been peddling honey at 10 cts. per pound, but the leading apiarist hold it firm at 11 and 12 cts wholesale.

Barrie.

J. R. BLACK.

DUFFERIN.

The past two weeks have not been as favorable as the previous two, having had more cold nights and strong winds, but still there has been a steady flow from clover and willow herb. While the flow from clover has been steady there has not been the rush which might have been expected, judging from the healthy growth, the favorable weather and the abundance of bloom. I have been too busy to notice the basswood. I

thought it was past and was going to pronounce it a failure but noticed its peculiar odor and flavor yesterday for the first, will know more about it next time. Swarming has been peculiar and excessive.

GEORGE WOOD.

Monticello.

BRANT.

The honey crop has been very good. We have extracted 3000 lbs.; the bees are doing very well on thistle and white clover. The one on scales gains from one to three pounds a day. The buckwheat will soon be on; there is quite a lot sown about here. I have 175 colonies now commenced the honey season with 90. Bee-keepers better look to their queens; I find some queenless. I never saw bees ball their queens like they do this season in swarming, nor behave so unbecomingly. Brood would not keep them in the new hive. Extracted honey 13 cts.; comb 20 cts.

D. ANGUSH.

Brantford.

WELLINGTON.

Since last report, weather has been more favorable for the secretion of nectar in the flowers. Honey has come in more plentifully since the 25th ult and at present is booming. Bees in this section have swarmed themselves to death in the hands of those not versed in bee-doctrine or manipulation. I have had one swarm per colony to present date and have taken 50 lbs per colony spring count. No basswood honey. We are now getting from thistles. Prices retail 12½c.—16c.; wholesale 10 to 14c.

J. H. DAVISON,

Mount Forest.

PERTH.

Having just finished reading the JOURNAL of this week, I observe you have given my brief report of July 15th, a corner therein as it did not reach you in time for insertion with the others last week, so in order to keep my promise as contained in it, I now give you a longer one, especially as I have a few moments to spare, and also am in the humor for so doing.

Just as I laid the JOURNAL aside, I observed Mrs. G. had been taking notes of my hilarity, and woman like she must know what tickled me so, therefore I had to explain that I was trying to imagine in my own mind, how pleased friend McEvoy was when he wrote his last report of how well the basswood was yielding, and how it agreed with his prophecy made some little time ago, notwithstanding doubts expressed by a few that the flow would not be as good as he expected etc. "Oh that's it! well Frank, I am glad also that our honey