

bulky a present, the Prince of Wales suggested it should be sent to the castle. Much interest was also shown in the method of folding a 1-lb. section. The Queen then shook hands with the Baroness and Mr. Cowan, thanked them and then drove off.

In the other carriage were Prince and Princess Christian and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, and suite.

FURTHER REPORTS.

Honey Crop Likely to be only an Average. Lots of Swarms

IN our last issue we asked that a special note be made of the yield from Alsike clover in the reports for this date. It is probable that this request did not soon enough reach our corps of correspondents, and we will be glad to have the question answered in the next batch. We will be very glad to hear from any bee-keepers who can inform us on this point. The whole report would lead us to infer that the entire yield will only be an average, and prices should be asked accordingly.

OUR OWN REPORT.

We can only report that we got little or nothing from alsike clover—white has done better. We have had an average flow from basswood, and thistle promises well. We have allowed all our colonies to swarm naturally this season, and each colony, spring count, has cast a swarm, with but few exceptions. Some have already thrown out second swarms, but we return all such. We have extracted but little as yet, though before this reaches the reader we will have gone over all our yard, and taken several thousand pounds, as all top-stories are about ready.

NOVA SCOTIA.

COLCHESTER.

During the past two weeks it has been very unfavorable weather for honey gathering. We had nine days of cold, showery northeasterly weather in which time the bees did not gather more than would keep themselves which is a great loss to the bee-keepers, as it was just in the best of the honey flow. Swarming seems to be their favorite occupation this year. Unless the fall flowers yield well the honey flow will not be up to the average in this section. About 20 lbs. per hive is the most secured as yet, but

the honey is coming in good at present, and think the clover will last a week yet.

W. D. BLACK.

Truro.

QUEBEC.

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The past two weeks have not been very favorable, a good deal of cloudy weather with thunder showers and it is now quite cool. Bloom has been good but does not yield much. Basswood is past its best. Swarming has been light thus far about thirty per cent. have cast. We need more fine days together for surplus than we have had so far this season. Have taken no honey yet.

W. A. PEARSON.

Lacolle

ONTARIO.

LEEDS.

We are having a peculiar honey season. The bees seemed to go in for a good time swarming and by the time we could get them quieted down to business the clover harvest was about over and now (in the midst of what had promised to be a very beautiful linden honey flow) we are having very changeable weather, with low temperature and high winds so that the flow is very irregular and the bees remain indoors too much. The honey so far is very fine as regards both color, flavor and texture. Ruling price for extracted, 10c, wholesale.

MATTHEW B. HOLMES.

Athens

VICTORIA.

Since the 1st inst. the weather has been fine generally, but I do not think that the honey yield has been more than medium. The best stocks ran for extracted have gathered and partly sealed about 30 lbs. and cast a swarm. With me the last two weeks have been a busy time on account of swarming. I hived the swarm on the old stand and moved the old stock to a new location, not wishing to deplete it of bees too much. This has usually prevented second swarms, but it does not work that way this year. We have returned them but they won't stay returned. I never saw so many virgin queens any season. If I could sell the surplus queens at 50c. each I would have some pocket money. All but two or three that should swarm have swarmed a first time. Basswoods in the fields were in bloom on the 14th, the blossoms seem to be abundant. Thistles are also coming into bloom. On account of swarming the sections have not been finished up, but now that the first swarms have got most of their repairing done I expect to take off finished comb honey this week.

S. CORNELL.

Lindsay.