

Bees came out in good condition, every colony alive, both indoors and outside. Very few weak colonies. Prospects fair.
Wesley, Ont. Geo. Wood.

Bees wintered through fairly well, but our 40 acres of alsike and 11 of Mammoth clover is all killed, so we have a poor outlook for clover honey.
Enfield. A. Smith.

I have lost just eight hives out of 80. Twenty wintered in chaff hives outside: One dead. Sixty kept in cellar—four died and three died after being set out. Have been feeding a few light ones, and all are working quite strong and should be in good order for the harvest.
Peterboro. W. B. Anderson.

Bees come through in good condition; wintered outdoors; packed in leaves from the woods. One tenth lost, partly through my own fault. Three died from starvation, the balance had no queens. Clovers are looking good. We can expect an average crop of honey.
Culloden. A. Berdon.

Took the bees out of cellar the 22nd of April in good condition; loss three per cent. Prospects are bright for a good crop this year. Clover looks well. It would be a nice attraction to have Mr. Morley Pettit, our Provincial Apiarist, at the Central Fair, Ottawa, with his extracting apparatus with gasoline power, so that the Eastern bee-keepers will have the benefit of his work.
Glen Sandfield. A. Blais.

I put 36 swarms in the cellar in the fall, and after setting them out on the 10th of April found one queenless. I have since transferred them all into clean hives and equalized the stores, and have left them in excellent shape. Never had them better for a good honey flow. They have been very busy bringing in pollen lately, and now that the dandelion and wild plum is blooming they are exceedingly busy. I think the clover in this district wintered well, and I expect a good yield of nectar from it.
Hollin. Miss Hannah Willson.

The April number of the Journal came to hand this evening, full as usual, of good news. In regard to the wintering of our bees, I am pleased to be able to report great success. Out of 74 colonies put away last fall 71 came out practically as strong as when they entered the cellar. I am sure this was entirely due to the even temperature of about 39 de-

grees which the cellar maintained, nor did we do any artificial heating. One thing I would like to mention is that for an entire week previous to setting them out water lay on the floor over a foot deep. There was no drain to the cellar and the spring soakage following the bed rock under the cellar, made a regular reservoir under the bees. One would have expected dire results in such a case, and I certainly did, but the good fresh air passing constantly through the cellar apparently kept the bees perfectly contented. The only objection I had to the water was the terribly cold feet I got wading for half a day in it. Of course another year a drain will be provided to carry off this surface water which seems to go through the sandy soil as it would through a sieve. I have gotten out a spring casing for eight frame Langworth hives in place of three 2 x 24" stands. This casing is in four pieces and hinged, in fact acts much the same as a section would when folded up in a square. It leaves a space about 3" right around hive and stand to be filled with sawdust. The only other piece of consequence is a flat wooden cover over all. I put these on every hive this spring and packed them. I am sure with the necessary articles ready it does not take ten minutes to case a hive. I wish I could take a photo of the same for your better information. When not in use the casings lie out straight, to use the same simile again as sections in the flat. Honestly, they look so good to me I would like to enquire into how a patent is obtained. Perhaps you could let me have a little advice in this line. The frame of the case is wood with a roofing paper covering to hold up the sawdust.

[It will be necessary to apply to a lawyer who makes a specialty of patent business.—Editor].

This spring is certainly going to prove their usefulness, for during the past week between about the 20th and 30th of April, the weather was very warm, always above 60 degrees in the shade during the day, and of course great for bees in general. Queens laid fast (for I went through every hive) and no doubt taxed the bees to their covering capacity. Now, May 3rd comes, the coldest day and night remembered in this country for some years, and hives unprotected from the keen wind and frost must certainly have suffered from chilled brood, or are doing so.

Quebec.

H. H. Selwyn.

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Last fall I packed 1 and wintered outdoors cellars. I lost one of seven out of the 90, queenless and will have another having a good

Some of the writers Bee Journal seem to b selves about getting the pings. My plan is to in the honey that com by putting in shallow. If carefully done this w honey in the least.

Of course this heati thickens it a little, but proved. After it has c the barrel with the re my honey as I take it tor through a fine wire stand in barrels a few ting in cans. By doing a very thin scum of cap each barrell. As for quality of this honey, p tario who buy it, pronc they have ever had, an couver say they cannot l equal to it.

Sunbury.

Regarding the winterir locality, would say the very good. I lost a few stores and two or three in bees. The honey pro good at present. Nev through in good shape. honey plant. Fruit blc ing on in fine shape. P nectar has been coming weeks, and all colonies fine.

Oxford Co.

Bees came through th nice. Have 66 colonies of 70. Honey is coming bees are building up fas that clover bloom is know that spring was ward.

Popular.

I put 23 colonies in th vember 29th. They wer better fed than any I ha before. I had given ove sugar to the colony. J April 13th. Found many of stores; ten dead. H left. It was the first ti wintering without fire in Meadowvale.

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