

Reports of the Season.....

Yours dated Aug. 8th, duly came to hand. I beg to apologize for not replying to it earlier, I have been very busy with the harvest and so it was forgotten.

Being very young in the "Bee Business" I can scarcely answer your questions as I should like.

1. Good, (increased 2 colonies to 6.) I speak for myself.

2. Good with me—no other bees kept near me.

3. Good.

4. Very good.

5. Good I think; but do not know enough about them to say definitely.

6. Cannot say.

7. My bees seem to work partly on buckwheat and partly on clover.

8. Very good I consider. Increase from 6 to 18 colonies. I do not consider my bees have done so well lately as they did in the earlier part of the season, on account of the spell of hot dry weather we had. As soon as I open a hive, robbers commence operations, so I have to leave them till I am prepared for them.

Yours truly,

J. T. COLSON.

Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Ont., Aug. 29, 1896.

I had no bees last year but bought twenty-five colonies. The man I bought of had twenty-six colonies and they all wintered—lost none. The bees seemed to build up fast in the spring. I don't know much about the white clover and thistle flow but I had about two hundred sections that were saleable. There is plenty of buckwheat throughout this part and I think I will have 12,00 lbs. of buckwheat honey. I had thirty swarms this summer—all in June.

M. KITCHEN.

Mabee, Norfolk Co., Ont.

In replying to your questions of August 18th, would say there was no swarming in this locality in 1895. Bees wintered well the past winter, or all that were supplied with plenty of winter stores and properly prepared. The past spring has built up

well in this locality until the middle of May. Then there was a total absence of honey till the 1st of July. At that time they were short of honey and not strong in brood. The colony yielded nothing; in fact there was no clover, caused by drought. Basswood yielded 55 lbs. per colony in my apiary, taken at one extracting. Thistle yields nothing here. Prospects for buckwheat are very good in some localities. I have 800 colonies on the Murray Canal that are doing well, but my Trenton apiary will do well if they get their winter's supply. Swarming has been below the average this season. I have had but two swarms, although some has had excessive swarming.

C. W. POST.

Trenton, Ontario Co., Ont.

You will have to excuse me for not answering your questions sooner. But here they are:

1. None.
2. Good.
3. Good.
4. Fair.
5. Good.
6. None.
7. Fair.
8. Good.

Yours &c.,

JAMES ARMSTRONG,

Cheapside, Haldimand Co., Ont. Aug. 22, 1896.

I have much pleasure in answering the questions you sent me as follows:

1. My bees did not swarm in 1895.
2. As far as I could learn there was heavy loss in bees last winter caused by shortage of stores.
3. Bees built up splendidly in spring. Never had mine worked so much in April before.
4. The clover flow of honey has been scanty and the bees did not gather much per day. The blossoms were soon dried up by the drought.
5. The basswood trees were nearly all loaded with blossoms and the yield was heavy, bees working very hard and storing