

cause in working for extracted honey swarming can be more easily controlled and the more bees in a colony here during the honey flow the better, as more surplus honey will be gathered than there would be if divided. Secondly, if a sudden stoppage of the honey flow occurs it does not leave thousands of partly finished sections, to sort and clean and perhaps lie over until the next season, in working for extracted honey it makes no difference if it is never capped if it be thoroughly ripened. I have seen as nice extracted honey (basswood) that was extracted before it was capped and ripened in tin cans as I ever saw. I do think however that it will candy sooner where it is extracted before it is capped, than it will if it is allowed to remain on the hive until fully capped. Thirdly, the quantity is larger, the quality equal, and the work is less. I will let some champion of comb honey, who has produced extracted honey also, state the disadvantages, if there are any worth mentioning.

QUEENS AND WINTERING.

I was very much interested in reading the article on Hibernation, page 353, in the JOURNAL of July 10th. I do believe more depends on the queen a colony has than any other one thing. If I were asked to pick a colony on Sept. 1 which I knew would winter, I would take one which had first, a good prolific queen, not over 16 months old, second, one with about twelve square feet, surface measure, of brood in all stages, well covered with bees, third, one with 25 lbs. of sealed honey in frames with a clear spot of a few square inches just below the center; fourthly, I would pack all in a good chaff hive, outdoors in this latitude and let them alone until they flew freely the next spring. Whether they would "hibernate" a part of the time or not is more than I know, and I am willing to leave that point to the scientists to settle, but will warrant they would winter perfectly.

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Williamstown, Vermont, July 21st, 1889.

REPORTS FOR AUGUST 1ST.

ONTARIO.

LANARK.

Not much surplus from clover. Not much alsike sown around here. Some basswood trees bloomed as early as the 8th, but not much honey until about the 14th. Weather too cool part of the time and at others hot. Will not get half as much from clover and basswood together as I ought to get from either. Promise of thistle and buckwheat is good, but cold rains will spoil that as well. Do not think that there will be half a

crop altogether. Swarming has been excessive, never had so much swarming out of new colonies, and second and third swarms from old, as this year. Great supply of young queens, and find them in colonies where they do not belong.

J. K. DARLING.

Almonte, June 18, '89.

The weather has not been too favorable for honey gathering. Basswood yielded some but not up to expectations, only 4 or 5 days that the flow could be called good, too much wet. Swarming appears to be about over. Has been a better season for increase than for honey storing. Have taken off no finished sections as yet. Extracted some but not very much preferring to have my honey mixed a little rather than strip the colonies too bare and have to feed. Buckwheat is yielding splendid just now but I think there is a good supply of thistle honey as well. The last few days the weather has been all that could be wished for and the bees have been extremely busy with a strong odor of buckwheat in the yard, more so to-day (Aug. 1st) than at any previous time. The crop of first-class honey will be light but there may be a large quantity of the darker grades. Prospects for a fall crop are good at present.

J. K. DARLING.

Almonte, Aug. 1.

YORK.

The weather for the past ten days has been rather dull a little too much rain for the secretion of honey with strong westerly winds. Bees are storing a little. Flora, clover, catnip, motherwort, boneset, thistles, burdock, sun flower, mignonette, hollyhocks, poppy, bokhara clover, dandelion, blue vivian, viperse, bugloss, squash, melons, cucumbers, virginia creeper, fire weed, clematis, portulaca, swamp balsam. The best honey plant for August linden a complete failure; we feel the want of it very much. Short crop only four thousand lbs. up to present; considerable to extract yet. Honey 10c. wholesale retail 12½ extracted; comb 18 cents.

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MUSKOKA.

Honey has been coming in the last two weeks more lively than before. Basswood and thistle were the main resource, the former did not yield as well as other years, the latter is in full bloom yet. Bees are very slow to cap the sections—have not taken any yet. Extracted 40 lbs. per colony with enough honey in the hives for wintering, should the honey flow cease suddenly, which is hardly probably so early in the season.