

FAIRVILLE.—I do not know but one bee-keeper besides myself in the county of St. John; he gave me the first hive that I had. He keeps his in the old box hive and winters on the summer stands and covers well in winter by tying old carpets all around the hive leaving the entrance full open. The bees came through in fine condition, to my personal knowledge. He keeps four to eight hives; sulphurizes in the fall all he does not want to keep and beats me out and out in honey: lives about three miles from me. I claim it is the location, he says it is management. His location is a south side hill with a great many gentlemen's gardens around; mine, a new place with only our own garden, but fields and woods all about. I wintered over twelve hives on summer stands, increased to 17 and expect a few more swarms; they are late swarming this year. I am working for box honey one pound sections. The bees are working very well and I expect 15 pounds per colony. We are near the coast of the Bay of Fundy and there are foggy spells through the summer and the bees can't do much in fog. My hives, 14 moveable frame hives with section-cases half size so that in changing the outsides come into the middle, for I find that they fill the boxes by degrees, one box finished and the other only started. My bees are German or Brown bees but will try the Italian or Carniolan when I get more proficient in the management of bees. I am keeping three box hives so as to try if they store any more honey than the frame hives. So far the frame hives are ahead for two years, not to mention the ease of managing in all ways.

ST. ANDREWS.—Have eight box hives of native bees. June 1st got one combination hive with Italian colony from D. A. Jones. Two swarms from box hives, one artificial swarm, three natural swarms from Italian colony, six and one-half pounds of surplus from one box hive so far, several boxes being filled, no surplus from Italians but honey seems plentiful these last two days. Good prospects for golden rod and buckwheat.

WATERVILLE.—We have had very few swarms this year, nine in all. The spring was very backward and cold. The prospect for a heavy yield in the fall is very promising. We do not extract any honey till fall. I think we may average from 60 to 80 pounds per colony.

NOVA SCOTIA.

TRURO.—The honey flow in this district has been very poor, not more than 20 pounds per colony yet and the clover is about done now. I think the fall crop will be quite fair. The season has been so poor that a great many hives

have not swarmed at all. Could not give the number.

NEW GLASGOW.—Have had a backward spring and have not taken any honey yet. Honey in supers will not average over three pounds per colony. Have frequent showers and prospects of a good fall flow, September invariably being our best month in this vicinity. An average of 50 per cent have swarmed.

ONTARIO.

LAMBTON.

OBAN.—I have not taken any honey yet. The weather was so dry for such a long time, besides I think the drought last summer killed most of the clover. Since fruit bloom the bees have gathered scarcely anything, but we have had some nice showers lately and white clover is coming into bloom and a number of thistles, so I think if the weather continues favorable we may yet get some surplus. The bees are filling the sections now, some are almost ready to take off. I have fifty-one colonies, sixteen of which are new swarms. I let a colony swarm only once.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

CAMPBELLFORD.—I do not see Northumberland County mentioned among the reports for this season which you have published lately, so send you mine. It could not be much worse except that I see now that it might be quite possible for the poor bees to starve to death in the summer time.

I began the season with 31 colonies in first class condition and all the honey I have taken so far is 15 pounds of dandelion honey from one hive or colony which was exceptionally strong when dandelions were in bloom. There was no honey from clover and scarcely any from basswood, at any rate very little more than enough to supply the bees from day to day and as the drought gets worse in this locality all the time the prospects for honey and everything else are gloomy enough.

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CORN HONEY.

ON page 368 of the C.B.J. friend Demaree commences an article with the question: "Do bees gather honey from corn?" This is a question that I can answer in the affirmative. A year ago last spring I had a colony of Italians that dwindled away to nothing. They were mostly young bees on going into winter quarters, which made their dwindling a puzzle to me, till I examined their combs.