

AN AVERAGE OF 48 POUNDS PER COLONY.

CHARLES PELOQUIN.—I had in spring 93 hives, all in the best condition. I have had only 40 swarms, and the others I have used to strengthen my hives. I prefer to extract my honey; I believe that is the best way. I also use my adapted hive, which is of great service to me. Its dimensions are, 14 inches long, 13 wide, and 13 high. On the 15th June I add a top storey to my hive seven inches and of the same size as the lower storey, and I adjust it by means of a bavelle (?). All my hives have a moveable frame—nine frames for the lower storey and eight for the upper. I have now 140 hives all of the same dimensions—which is of great advantage to the bee-keeper. I paint all my hives white every spring to preserve them from the heat of the sun, giving them at the same time a fine appearance. For this year's harvest I have now 6400 pounds of extracted honey, 5000 of which is of the best quality, the rest second-class; also 350 pounds in sections.

St. Hyacinthe, Que.

#### A GOOD-NATURED REPORT.

L. W. WENTWORTH.—Out of the 17 colonies I had last fall I only saved five and four of them were weak. They all went through to April and then began to dwindle. I thought they would all go before they got through with it, but after a while they commenced to build up and I got three swarms from them and bought enough more to make up my 17 again. My strong colony did not swarm, but will give me one crate of 24 one lb. sections I hope, as all but a few are sealed now. The others just held their own, and hardly that, and for fear there won't be any fall honey for wintering I have began to feed a part of them on sugar syrup. I want to get them in good shape and strong enough to die next spring, for if they don't about all die I shall feel as though I was out of the business, for I have done nothing hardly but buy bees for the last three years. If I get that crate full that I spoke of it ought to be nice honey, for it will have cost me about \$7 per pound. I ought to take this money to buy syrup with for the bees to winter on, but I like a little winter feed myself, therefore I send it to you for the JOURNAL, for I have plenty of time to read in the winter, and I like to read about bees better than anything else. I never get tired of the subject, and the more I handle them the more determined I am to succeed or bust, and I wouldn't wonder if I busted. But never mind, I know something that I didn't know before and I guess it will come all right in the end. I hope I can sometime write you something better about the bees.

Searsport, Aug. 24.

You certainly should enjoy your honey after the expense you went to to get it, but men who persevere as you have done win in the end. Experience has evidently taught you to feed early. Many put it off until too late, hoping against hope that their bees may get a little poor fall honey. Very late honey is usually thin and unless thoroughly

ripened ensures plenty of vacant hives in spring. After the first frosts have killed most of the flowers, the asters and the harder kinds in cool autumn sometimes secrete quite largely, but the nectar is so thin and poor that dysentery or something worse seems to visit bees quickly when put away with such stores. We are confident your next season's report will be more favorable and should not be surprised if you have a regular deluge of nectar.

Mr. Robert Eldridge, of Cincinnati, Ohio, states the annual yield of wax in Russia alone to be nearly 5,000 tons; and this is nearly all consumed at home, so large is the quantity required in the ceremonies of the churches. Nearly 500 tons are annually imported into Great Britain.

In Germany, bee-keeping is taught in many of the public schools; and the government also provides instructors in the art, who go from town to town, as their services are needed. The Germans understand the science of economy too well to allow the wealth stored in their fields and forests to go to waste; and it is said that in Switzerland honey is as common an article of food as is butter in America.

## KIND WORDS.

"The colony of bees that I ordered from you for Francis Lasell arrived safely. They are the largest colony of bees I ever saw, and he is well pleased with the bees.—THOMAS WHOLEHAM Chesterville.

THANKS FOR PROMPTNESS.

GEORGE CALDER.—Queen came to hand in good shape. I am very well pleased with her. Accept my thanks for your promptness in forwarding her.

Calderwood, Ont., Sept. 10, 1888.

ANSWERED ADMIRABLY.

JOHN MCKIMMIE.—Please find enclosed cash in settlement of advertisement, which answered admirably, as from the first insertion I sold all my bees and other fixings to one party.

Niagara, Sept. 11, 1888.

## CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Ohio State Bee-Keepers' Association will hold its sixth annual meeting in joint convention with the North American Bee-Keepers' Society at Columbus, Ohio, October 3, 4 and 5. A special business session of the Ohio Bee-Keepers' Association will be held October 4 to elect officers for the coming year and for the transaction of other business. This business meeting will not interfere with the regular programme of the national convention of the same day.—FRANK A. EATON, Secretary.