

## District No. 4.

Bees that were properly prepared for winter came through in splendid condition, but, as many were not so prepared, there is a great mortality in bees with careless bee-keepers. Spring opened up fine and all colonies that wintered well built up very rapidly and at this date the strongest that I ever saw them. Some reported swarms on the 15th May. There has been a very excessive rain fall and prospects for clover are good.

C. W. POST.

Trenton, May 26th.

## District No. 6.

Bees wintered well here and the prospect is good for a fair honey crop as there is a better spring of white clover than there has been for the last four years; of course much depends on the weather during the next two months.

J. D. EVANS.

Islington, May 22nd.

## District No. 9.

My bees have wintered fine, only losing two out of seventy-five. At the present time I am removing the winter packing and find them in grand condition with lots of honey coming in from fruit blossoms and dandelion. The prospects never looked better for a big flow. Those who neglected their bees last season have had great losses during the past winter.

J. NEWTON.

Thamesford, May 23rd.

## District No. 11.

As a general thing bees have come through the winter fairly well; about half in this section very strong. The exceptions were where they were dependent on the fall flow for their winter stores. Large quantities of decayed fruit juice furnished a portion of this, and where there was not sufficient early gathered honey or well ripened sugar stores in the hives,

dysentery resulted and consequently many weak colonies, but they have been building up very fast since April 15th.

Fruit bloom was principally over about May 20th, and has yielded splendidly, notwithstanding some very cold and backward weather. Clover has a better stand and more of it than for two or three years previous. Cannot see why we should not have a good honey crop this season.

W. A. CHRYSLER.

Chatham, May 27th.

## District No. 12.

Bees wintered fairly well but dwindled off badly in the spring. I think that the loss will be about 40%. My neighbors have been spraying fruit trees when in full bloom, this may account for some, if not for a great deal, of the losses. I had one man summoned before a Justice of the Peace. He was fined a dollar and costs.

SAMUEL WOOD.

Nottawa, May 25th.

## CALIFORNIA PROSPECTS.

The "Rural Californian" says:—The bee men throughout Southern California are jubilant over the late rains, and say what otherwise would have been a very light honey crop will now in all probability prove to be an extraordinary good year, barring a few localities. San Diego county, so we are advised, owing to the light fall of rain, will not fare as well as some of the other counties in Southern California, but on the whole this year's output will be very fair. In many places in Los Angeles and Orange counties the bee-keepers are putting in additional storage tanks and engaging such competent assistants as they may be able to obtain. The work of extracting honey is now going on.