

came on later than usual but it has been very abundant, and bees have done fairly well on it, in fact they are still working on it (July 31), the farmers, owing to the rainy hay weather, not having been able to cut it all yet. Basswood was not up to some years, prospects for fall flowers, buckwheat, etc., are good. Swarming has not been excessive, and there has been a very fair amount of honey already obtained. Altogether, the season should be a profitable one for the careful bee-keeper who looks after his bees

All bees should be built up good and strong in August, for they do not breed much in September, and those lacking stores should be fed good and heavy by the middle of September."

Mr. E. L. Colpetts, of New Brunswick, writes:

"Since the opening of clover until about a week ago we have had remarkably good honey weather, and the crop so far has been much above the average, quality extra good, clover in abundance. White clover forms a carpet for the roadside and pasture fields. With the best possible season the usual amount of honey will not be produced as the winter and spring losses were the heaviest in over 20 years."

Quebec and Eastern Provinces seem to have had a fair honey crop from clover. Taking in the whole situation, would conclude that the crop has been fair generally, but there has not been anything extraordinary. The flow has been rather irregular, some districts have fared well, others again quite adjacent, where it was rather disappointing. We will not venture to say anything about prices until after the meeting of the honey exchange committee, but think that there is no reason for a panic. Owing to the much reduced number of bees in the country there cannot be such

an extraordinary quantity of honey on the market, and last year's prices should be pretty nearly maintained.

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The Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Inland Revenue, has announced his intention of rigidly enforcing the Act respecting impure foods, but he gives the manufacturers a chance by warning them by circular against the use of adulterants. Bee-keepers will be pleased to learn of the stand taken by the Minister, as this Act covers the adulteration of honey in any form.

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That tested queens are sometimes injured in shipping is a point brought out by Mr. J. P. Moore, the Kentucky queen breeder, in conversation with the editor of the "Bee-keepers' Review." He says that "a young queen that has just commenced to lay stands shipment much better, and usually proves to be of value as an egg-layer after shipment, while a tested queen often turns out very poorly; and that a tested queen ought to be shipped in a full colony of nucleus, to say the least." This is something we have noticed in handling queens ourselves, and would account for the bees sometimes superseding tested queens. Editor York, of the "American Bee Journal," suggests that such queens be taken from the hive and caged 24 hours or more before mailing.

DRAGOONS AND ARTILLERY.

By special request the executive of the Canadian National Exhibition of Toronto have decided to give both the musical ride, by the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and the artillery drive, by the Royal Field Artillery, Kingston, twice daily, the one opening each afternoon and evening performance and the other closing it.

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