

May-June, 1911

an market and in Canada now, despite the fact fruit might flood the market of the season?" asked I think the man who in this district ought to be in the United States."

Brownlee said that he was in favor of reciprocity. "It is the fruit-grower here who is the late Crawford and together, and do away with the difficulties." Dr. Brownlee said that harm might have been done that had already been done by the fruit growers than by the government itself.

and these are the weather to shout Feed!! abundance, but weather looks well. Prospects improve. It is raining

E. F. Robinson.

colonies, all having plenty of normal conditions. Temperature 44 to 60 degrees, consecutive, resulting in death of starvation. Five or six colonies of dysentery. Put out April 22nd—spring, but too windy.

"Manitoba."

ed good; put 107 took out 103 in they are in grand shape think the prospects are over is looking fine.

Alex. Goodfellow.

locality have consumed in a somewhat weak. My loss out of 193 colonies: two queenless, the date: two queenless, the of starvation. Many who number stands without prospect heavily—some all they promises well, if bees are the advantage of it when it

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Lewis Minor. out of the cellar this last condition. Wintered 73 all are strong, and have in popular buds from May weather was fine and no



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frost. If weather remains warm they should be in good condition for apple blossoms and white clover.

Alfred Centre. John E. Browning.

Bees have wintered splendidly on their outdoor stands—never better, although the winter was long and cold. They came through without the slightest sign of dysentery, and nearly all will be ready for supers for fruit bloom.

Oshawa.

W. H. Kirby

Bees wintered in fair shape, two died out of thirty-five, but three others are very weak, especially since this last very cold weather which chilled brood in a few of the weaker colonies. All the rest building up pretty well now. Bees first seen bringing in pollen of April 25th. Bees set out of cellar for a flight on April 10th; set out for good April 21st. Fair prospects for clover here. Some bees about wintered outside have recently died of starvation.

North Bruce.

H. D. McCulloch.

#### 60% of Bees in Community Dead

My bees (33 colonies) were wintered in an upground repository with sawdust packed walls, from necessity rather than choice, and temperature was too low and too variable. I lost nine colonies, all from dysentery. The remainder at the present time in fair shape, but weather is rather backward. Prospects for honey crop are fair. The "Canadian" improves with every issue.

Mossley.

Warren Sadler.

Home yard—86—3 dead; 10 weak; 73 strong. 1910—96—1 dead; 95 strong.

Fall wheat and red clover killed in spots, good in low places and near fences. Alsike not quite so bad.

South yard—3 dead; one weak; 25 strong.

Next yard—19 alive; two starved.

South yard—Section fall wheat mostly killed, also around west yard.

Victoria Co.

R. F. Whiteside.

Bees have wintered excellently in this locality, only four per cent. loss. Brood raising was late in starting, about April 12th. At present they have about five square feet of comb filled with brood. Plums and early cherries are in full bloom. Prospects favorable.

West Lorne.

Geo. E. Hill.

Bees wintered only midling. I hear of quite a lot of spring dwindling. I lost 12 out of 87 colonies, and attribute the cause to worn out queens. Weather cold and backward. The 75 colonies I have left are doing nobly. I wrapped hives in tar paper. The remaining queens are of last year's rearing, and I am now looking for good results, as I have plenty of stores. Brooding is going on real fast.

Wallbridge.

C. F. Chisholm.

As far as I have heard, bees have wintered well in this district, but hardly a day that bees could fly freely until last week, when they got six ideal days, but weather cold again this week with heavy frosts at night.

Simcoe.

A. Laing.

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