

M. EMIGH.—I believe unripe thin honey has more to do with loss in winter than the source from which it was gathered.

DR. C. C. MILLER.—I don't think all are equally good, but the best kinds are poor if too thin.

O. G. RUSSELL.—Yes. My experience has been that it does not make much difference from what source honey for winter stores is gathered if it is well ripened.

S. CORNEIL.—Not if the stores happen to be honey dew, such as my bees gathered in the fall of 1886. Some reliable men have reported favorably of honey dew for winter stores. Possibly the quality for wintering purposes may vary with the source from which it is obtained by the aphids.

ALLEN PRINGLE.—There is no doubt a difference in the qualities of the different kinds of honey as winter food, assuming all to be equally well ripened, but, as you suggest, the greater difference (so far as effects are concerned) probably inheres in the stage of maturity or ripeness.

G. M. DOOLITTLE.—With me I prefer honey to anything else for winter stores. Of course the better it is ripened the better the prospect of successful wintering.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

BEES IN GOOD SHAPE.

GEO. ROGERS.—My bees are out in good shape. Lost three out of forty-seven. First pollen April 27th.

Hollin, May 4th, 1888.

GEO. SPITTER.—My bees have wintered nicely. Packed twenty-three outdoors, of which I lost one. Seven were in cellar and came through in good shape. The loss was quite heavy in some parts of Crawford Co. Some lost nearly all while some came through without any loss. The past year was poor. Colonies averaged about twenty pounds apiece. Comb honey sold for 15 cents wholesale.

Mosiertown, Pa.

LOSS 50 PER CENT—KIND WORDS.

WM. TIPLING.—Took my bees out on the 26th April, lost 50 per cent. All those heavy enough with sealed natural stores came through in No. 1 condition. Those fed in the fall to make up sufficient to winter on "pegged out," some leaving sealed and unsealed stores behind. The temperature was never below 37°. Can you account for it? Cellar dry. I thank you for continuing the JOURNAL, as I have been laid up both sick and lame. This is my first trip to the P.O. in six weeks. If I were to lose all my bees I should still keep on the JOURNAL, even for old acquaintance sake. It is always opened before the letters, and read twice before fyled.

Fenelon Falls, May 5th, 1888.

We can hardly account for the loss which you have had; we have had

losses and did not know to what source they should be charged. We might guess, but that would not make it a certainty. Perhaps the stores were fed too late in the fall, or they may have soured, or the colonies may some of them have been queenless. It is hard to say the cause. We are obliged to you for your very kind words concerning the JOURNAL. We hope to merit your continued approbation.

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

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