

I propose to take in mostly comb of this season's crop, and make way for it in the exhibit by removing some for sales, storing some, and crowding up a little, though not at the expense of appearance. Some of the honey sent last spring of both comb and extracted, was not fit to place on exhibition at a World's Fair, and hence was not placed on exhibition. It will be sold along with the rest to the very best advantage and the proceeds returned to the owners. Last winter it was proposed to have an inspector appointed to examine all the honey sent by exhibitors, and place none on exhibition not fit. I submitted the proposition to the Ontario commissioner, advising such appointment, as I did not myself, as superintendent, feel like accepting one man's honey and rejecting another's; but the commissioner, while not actually refusing the appointment, suggested that that work was a part of the duty of the superintendent, and was done by the superintendents of other departments. Not wishing to shirk a single duty fairly devolving upon me, I consented to assume that one. The exhibitors will, therefore, bear in mind that I am of necessity the judge of what is fit to exhibit and what is not fit to exhibit. And in endeavoring to maintain the credit of the province I must use discrimination. There was not a great deal, however, in the large amount sent which did not come up to the mark. For that not installed, and that which may be removed from the case pending sale and to make way, and for any overplus which may be brought here next month or later,—for all of this honey there will be no storage charges made against it. Storage room is, of course, very high in Jackson Park, but I have this place which was placed at my disposal so arranged and utilized that I shall not have to store any out or pay anything for storage. This will answer some inquiries which I have received in that line lately. Now as to the coming exhibit, I may say here that I am already in communication with some of the best comb-honey producers in the province, and from others who may have number one clover or linden sections I would like to hear without delay, also from those who may have very nice extracted clover or linden. It is possible that some others besides those I am in communication with may have been getting out something fancy in the way of lettering or other devices in the comb honey line or in wax, and if so let such kindly communicate with me at once, telling what they have got, etc. Up to August 5th address me at 987, Wilcox avenue, Chicago, Ill. After that address me at Selby, Lennox county, Ont.

Chicago, July 25, 1893.

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Reports of the Honey Flow

BEDFORD, QUE., July 18th '93—We are getting one of the lightest crops we have had in years in most parts of the province.

Clover has done nothing worth mentioning, apparently winter killed a great deal, and basswood is not doing anything as well as it promised—warm dry weather not favorable for it.

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LACOLLE, Que., July 27th '93—The honey flow in this section so far, is light. As soon as the bees begin to get a surplus, (we have two hives with handles on), we place a platform scale between them and we weigh these every night when fine enough for the bees to work, so up to date we know just where we are—no guess work.

The bees began to store surplus June 20th. They gained, two, three and five pounds some days. On July 1st for one week we had splendid weather; temperature, 85 to 90. They stored eight and nine pounds per day. Everything looked booming, but on the 8th we had some heavy thunderstorms and lightning, cooling the atmosphere. The electrical discharges stopped the honey flow. Since that date the best day has only been three pounds surplus. The average from the 8th to the 26th has not been over one pound per day. About the 15th of July the basswood blooms here, and is generally good for 12 or 15 days. We expected a change then, but nix. We have had some splendid flows from basswood, having run up as high as 15 to 18 pounds per day. We may now say our light honey is done for this year. We have lots of white clover yet, but no honey in it.

Buckwheat is yet to come and that may be good. It begins about the 10th of August and lasts about a month. We get some great flows from this occasionally. One year we got from 80 colonies 7000 pounds, so we may get a good run on buckwheat yet. We have 110 swarms, and 100 of them with top stories ready for business. We do not let them swarm, with the exception of eight or ten to keep up our stock. You may ask, if the bees are strong why not swarm, or how do we prevent swarming? We manage it by giving plenty of room and good ventilation. We raise up the covers on hot days and close them down at night. We think we will have about 1500 pounds of clover honey. Three hundred has been taken off, the balance left to ripen until buckwheat may begin to yield.

Now, I will give you some reports from other yards. Some have taken off 500