

come we expect to have a good fall flow from buckwheat. Last winter my bees wintered mostly on the black stuff, as some call it, some of them were in the cellar from November 3rd until May 5th. Everywhere around I hear the same song, no honey coming in and very few swarms; some who have only a few colonies no swarms at all.

#### MISSISQUOI.

BEDFORD.—The season thus far in this locality has been an average one altogether. Basswood no good. Plenty of clover, average yield of white honey extracted per colony will reach 50 pounds. Prospects for fall flow good. Could not easily give number of colonies kept in this country. I have at present 225 and have secured between 6000 and 7000 pounds of comb honey thus far all white number one.

#### QUEBEC.

VILLA MASTAI.—Expect an average of 20 lbs. per colony. Have plenty of showers this spring and summer.

#### SHEFFORD.

WATERLOO.—There has been no average pounds of honey taken in this section as yet. Bees wintered badly, about half died, spring dwindled and did not get into shape till late, weather cold and wet. No honey in clover till ten days ago; linden just in bloom. Last ten days bees doing well. Took 165 pounds extracted honey to-day. Wintered 35, lost two. Two swarms so far, one owing to queen all overlooked. Took queens away June 29th. Prospect now good to fair. Extracted honey 15 cents retail, comb 20 cents. Only five stocks on comb.

#### SHERBROOKE.

EAST SHERBROOKE.—Have taken very little honey yet, but I shall get ten pounds per colony. From twenty-six increased to thirty-four, merely gained my winter and spring loss. The season has been very wet with high winds and cold nights. The prospects for a fall yield are good, but the nights are so cold I am afraid we shall have early frosts.

#### ST. JOHNS.

LACOLLE.—There has been very little honey taken through this section. We do not take much off here during July and probably will get about half crop. About ten per cent of bees through this section have swarmed. One yard of 150 colonies has cast three swarms, about our usual number. We can control swarming pretty well.

#### VAUDREUIL.

HEDSON.—I have 200 colonies all booming but so far they have not done much in the line

of gathering honey—about six hundred pounds of comb and two hundred of extracted. As I run mostly for comb honey and follow the tiering up plan they are working in about 5000 Jones sections, and if I get two thirds of them filled this season I think I will do well for such a dry season. We have had no rain for about six weeks but one or two thunder showers that did as much harm as good as they levelled most everything they came in contact with. As for swarms, I have had about fifty; returned them all but about two and made 15 nuclei, as I do not want increase but honey. I went to see three other bee-keepers when I got your card to see what they could say, but they had the same song but more so. I felt a little encouraged to think that I was coming out the best and had taken more honey than all of them together, as one who had 85 colonies had no honey and very few swarms. As for the fall flow there is only very poor prospects if the drought continues, but I will try and send you another report later on. We have a large farm and my boys are all young yet and as my health has been very poor it makes time pretty scarce. But worst of all I am no man with the pen, so I do not profess to send anything worth note. I can do better with a hive of bees than the pen. What has bothered me most is to get queens fertilized. I have lost more than half I have raised and I am going for the king-birds and martins; most of them that I have shot have been filled with workers and drones, but have failed to find the queen killer yet. I received two queens from you last August and introduced them in good strong colonies. One died in the winter and the other could not keep her colony up, so I had to dispatch her and give the colony another queen. I think she was too old, for she was very small and inactive.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

DOUGLASTOWN.—The season here has been very dry, no honey has been taken. The prospects for a fall flow, I think, are good. Amount of increase one hundred per cent.

ELGIN.—I have not taken any honey yet, and the prospects for the fall season are very poor. One hive of bees has swarmed five times and the other has swarmed four. When they swarmed the two last times the hives were not ready and a week after we got them and put the bees in them but they were not satisfied, and after staying two days both swarms went away. I forgot to say before that we put them in boxes until the hives were ready. Please tell me what you think was the cause. We have no basswood or indigo here and there is scarcely any clover.