

Reports from the Districts



DISTRICT NO. 1.

The worst season so far for many years. Bees have suffered heavily since they were set out on summer stands from high winds, cold nights and heavy frosts. Clover appears to have escaped the winter-killing which often occurs in this district, yet prospects are not encouraging for the season.

W. J. BROWN.

Prescott, May 20th.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

From reports received from bee-keepers whom I have met and others with whom I have corresponded I have learned that winter losses were very slight and losses from spring dwindling have also been comparatively slight. The spring has been a peculiar one, about four days of cloudy, showery weather to one day of sunshine in which bees could fly. May 10th brought a most destructive frost, which, with the long-continued heavy winds, gave the bees quite a set-back. Present prospects are bright but it might not be safe to attempt to give a forecast.

M. B. HOLMES.

Leeds Co., May 20th.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Bees wintered well in this district but the cold, backward spring has been very unfavorable for brood rearing. Prospects for clover were never better but the bees are not up to the average in strength for the last four or five years.

Hastings Co.

C. W. POST.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Bees wintered well here but the spring has been the worst I ever saw for them. They could only fly about one day in ten until about a week ago. The soft maples bloomed and the blossoms dried up while the bees were prisoners. The result is heavy spring losses among the small bee-keepers who are not experts. Many hives of bees have starved, I think fully one half of the bees owned by these bee-keepers are dead. The prospect for clover is good, the White Dutch is abundant, not much Alsike grown here.

J. D. EVANS.

York Co., May 20.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Bees have wintered very well in this county and the clover is the most promising for years and at present the bees are gathering from dandelions and fruit bloom, which they are storing a little surplus from where stocks are strong.

W. COUSE.

Peel Co.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Bees have wintered well, with from 2 to 5 per cent loss, and are in good condition with every prospect of a successful season.

A. PICKETT.

Halton Co., May 22.

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