

for the production of the finest queens. With all the bees we could possibly crowd into a hive and all the artificial means that could be obtained, irrespective of expense and trouble this season, we found it impossible to produce queens as fine in appearance as when the weather was more favorable, as it now is. We have noticed this before, and we prefer to stock our apiary with queens bred in the most favorable season. Neither do we consider it profitable for the purchaser or the seller to deal in queens to any great extent out of the season.

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A REPORT FROM LAMBTON CO.

I CANNOT give you any report as to how many pounds will be taken, but up to date nine has been. Spring opened dry and cold. I wintered 60 out of 62 colonies, but as they went into winter with old bees, and we had cold dry weather after setting out, they suffered much; nine dwindled down and I had to double up to 40 colonies, up to date 38 are good. As it was so dry and cold in April, May, and part of June, there was no honey fruit bloom. I never saw a better bloom of Dandelion, but very dry and no honey. White clover showed up well, but no blossom, and until about ten days ago has had no honey, but it is coming in in good shape now. The bees seemed to take advantage of it and the prospects for a long flow are good, as we have had showers frequently. Basswood is also on now and the odor in my yard is something great and somewhat encouraging, and the prospect, I think, for a good yield yet. I have twelve young colonies and may have twelve more before this reaches you, although late ones they are very large, and seem heavier than former years. They all seem to come off between half-past eleven and a quarter past twelve exactly and are very quiet and no trouble. I am working on the tiering up system as I have no time to extract. I have over 1000 pound sections on and they have commenced to work in about one-third of them; I examined them to day. As to how many colonies are in this locality I cannot say, but I only know of three others that work their bees to any extent. Some have two or three, some ten or fifteen, but a good many lost nearly all within a radius of ten miles; including my own, there are about 200. Only a very few who keep them know anything about them. This is a very good locality and if any honey offers we are sure of our share. As to any honey being marketed from this place, there will be none, as

what is got is "trucked" off in the stores at what can be got for it. I have had a ready market at 15 and 20 cents for all I had last season and could have sold more. You must excuse this report, as I have written it on a board in the bee yard, between times. This fall I will send another. I should like to have a good talk with some old bee men, as I think they are far behind with some of their ideas, but I may be wrong, as I am only young at the trade but have found out some new things that may be of use to me some time or other.

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We are pleased to learn that the honey flow is starting, and the prospects are improving in some localities. Reports have been very discouraging from many places, in fact, in our own apiaries no honey has been taken up to date, but they are now commencing to work on the bass-wood, and with the light showers we have had and the favorable weather for the past few days, we are in hopes of having a yield. Never mind waiting to have a talk with any of your old bee friends. If you have got something that is new, or something that you imagine is valuable, give it to us, written on a board or in any other way. We shall be pleased to have it at your earliest convenience.

BEEES IN MINORCA.

I HAD this spring a very singular occurrence to one of my hives. The bees were already beginning to work in the sections a very little, the hive was not a strong hive, though a fair average one, and had gone through the winter admirably. It was the commencement of the honey flow (about the middle of April) and, of course, the hives were humming. Gradually I began to notice a want of activity at the entrance of said hive, a lack of that vim so conspicuous in a well-governed colony. "Something is the matter with No. 8," I remarked to my son, "we must look it over." On the following day we examined it, finding the sections entirely abandoned, and the frames below giving every sign of the hive having lost its queen. The combs had that untidy look about them, caused by the undue prominence of the scattered drone-cells in every direction, they (especially the edges) were plentifully adorned with queen cells, some of them of that plain appearance and color, indicating that they