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such abundance as to furnish large sur-
pluses of honey in favorable seasons. By
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colonies or over may be run in these
places with good results by a person giv-
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Honey-producing crops have stood the
winter well, and are growing luxuriantly.
The cool, wet spring, and subsequent hot
weather, have brought forth rapid growth
and all prospects indicate an abundance
of clover bloom. Many fields intended
for spring grains, but untouched owing to
the wet land, will be planted to buck-
wheat, ensuring a good harvest of this
honey later in the season. Altogether the
outlook is very promising for a good yield
of all kinds of honey to those who have
by care and skill carried their bees
through the past two unfavorable springs.

Owing to the tremendous losses during
1907, the total crop will be much reduced
even if every colony should harvest a
good average of both clover and buck-
wheat. This shortage, combined with the
rapidly-increasing markets in the west,
will undoubtedly tend to keep up the
prices to about what they were during
the past season. This applies specially
to the better grades, as the poorer grades
are now being imported in large quanti-
ties, and can be laid down in Ontario at
a very low price. As many of the care-
less bee-keepers have been cleaned out
by disease and the cold springs, the quan-
tity of the poorer grades will fortunately
decrease. This should result in a better
quality on the market and in increased
consumption. Very little adulteration is
being practised, and the reports of the
Inland Revenue Department, Ottawa,
have served to call attention to the ex-
cellent quality of our Ontario honey.

The following reports are taken from
among some hundreds received and are
from apiarists having 100 colonies and
over:

Brant—General condition somewhat
weaker in brood and bees than in the

average season, but building up fast.
Loss 5 per cent., due to queenlessness;
wintered in cellar, put in November 20
and taken out March 25; fed sugar syrup
in fall, about 20 pounds to each colony;
honey crops in good condition, alsike not
much grown, but good growth of white
clover.

Bruce—General condition fair to good,
loss during winter about 8 per cent.,
chiefly from failing queens; a few cases
of dysentery; wintered in cellar, put in
November 25, removed April 22; sugar
syrup fed to make up any shortage; clo-
vers came through in fair condition, but
not much alsike grown for seed near this
apiary.

Dufferin—Colonies generally weak,
nearly half of brood dead, in some cases
seemingly chilled brood; considerable
dysentery present; bees wintered in cel-
lar; put in November 18th, removed
April 22nd; buckwheat honey fed for
winter stores; alsike not cultivated to
any extent; white clover wintered safely.

Dundas—Quite a number of colonies
came out weak, but these are improving
rapidly on good pasture and weather;
loss heavy, 33 per cent., partly in cellar
and remainder after being placed on
summer stands; last year being such a
poor honey year, quality of honey had a
great deal to do with losses, some of
honey having soured; wintered in cellar,
put in November 18-20th, removed in
April; enough surplus honey stored, so
did not need to feed sugar syrup; clover
wintered well in this vicinity and is gen-
erally very abundant; basswood has been
good source of nectar, but is getting
thinned out very rapidly.

Durham—General condition good; win-
tered in summer stands in double walled
hives; loss of three colonies, queenless;
crops wintered fairly well and include
white clover, alsike, basswood, shumac,
golden rod and buckwheat.

Elgin—Judging from my own, bees
seem to have wintered well outside;