

MUSKOKA.

No rain for the last week. Bees working on clover, dwarf maple and the bloom of berry bushes. A little surplus is coming in but not enough to extract. Nights have been too cool, which condensed the evaporation of the already too wet ground upon the flowers, so that it looked in the morning as if it had rained all night. Clover bloom will hold out here for some time, when the old meadows are mowed, the newly seeded down fields will come in bloom, and many a bee will be entangled in the stalks of the grain in hunting for the sweet nectar. Of the basswood I could not see any flower buds, they must have been destroyed by the late frosts. Since the little surplus came in the bees have given up swarming.

Kilworthy.

E. SCHULZ.

YORK.

The weather up the 27th was wet, wet, WET! Enough of sunshine to give about two days a week, and strong colonies consumed more than was gathered. However a change for the better has taken place and now comes the boom with a rush. We are ready for it and all the old combs are getting mended and renovated, which have been idle for the last two seasons. Clover is a great crop, a few hybrid lindens are out in bloom. I will endeavor to send you some of the blossoms. The aroma from them is a grand indication of a large supply of nectar. Honey the same as last, no new honey on the market yet.

Toronto.

JOHN McARTHUR

SIMCOE.

The ten days in which, as I intimated in my last, we expected both honey and swarms, have come and gone, and five more days to boot, and yet our surplus in bees and honey is meagre. Rain continued to fall pretty much throughout all June, and little was done. Now, however, the weather is warmer and sky clearer, and swarms are beginning to issue and honey is being brought in. I extracted on first inst., which is just three weeks earlier than last year. The honey is of good quality, but we do not expect a large yield. The conditions are showers alternating with heat, and having had so much rain, we may look for a prolonged dry spell.

J. R. BLACK.

Barrie.

PEEL.

Bees in this locality are only doing fairly well at present. There has been some swarming this last few days as the weather has been warm and white clover is getting plentiful. There has

been very little honey extracted to date, but a few more warm days and the hives will be filled and ready for the extractor.

Streetsville

W. COUSE.

WELLAND

At this date warm since June 28th with occasional showers. Honey coming fairly well from clover, bloom abundant. Half stories pretty well filled on some hives and second stories added to-day. Prospects are that clover will hold out right up to opening of linden bloom, which promises well. There are ten trees filled with blossom buds now where there was one as promising at this time last year. In 1886 we had just such a year as this has been up to the present time. Clover yielded about the same (nearly up to the average). But from linden we secured 100 lbs. per hive from all colonies run for comb honey, and enough left in brood chamber for winter that year. Honey is bound to command a high price this year. There is none in the market now.

Ridgeway.

J. F. DUNN.

LINCOLN AND NIAGARA.

The past two weeks have not been very favorable for the bees. The dews have been very heavy and many mornings were foggy, and the rainy weather combined has prevented the bees from getting in more than half time. They get up and git, when the weather is fit. The present moist weather will prolong the clover the blossoms seem as fresh as ever and is now. I think, at its best and will probably last two or three weeks yet.

St. David's.

W. ELLIS

HALTON.

The past two weeks opened up very wet. The bees could work only part of the time. Colonies weak to begin with on account of so much cold weather, are working with a will the past few days. Prospects fair. Swarming commenced on the 20th June. Am having quite a number of swarms. The flora consists of white and alsike clovers and has not yielded much honey up till the last few days which is good now. Have not taken any up to date. Have been putting on top stories and shall not take any that is not quite ripe. We have a better show for honey from the clovers than we have had for years. Thus far the linden shows well for a crop and is quite plentiful. In this vicinity honey would sell at 12½¢ for extracted, good comb 20¢. My bees came out well in the spring and did well for some time but the time came we could not say this, but had to keep them