

The warm days of this week have helped to increase slightly the yield which promises in this locality, to be but a small one this season. No honey from basswood as yet. We have had considerable rainfall and the bees will probably secure sufficient to keep them, but not likely to add much to surplus. Honey should be in good demand, and prices should range higher than last season. I should judge from loss of bees last winter, and unfavorable weather during the honey flow, there will not be one-third as much honey as last season around here.

GEORGE A. DEADMAN.  
Huron Co., Ont., July 21.

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My own yards have produced about half a crop, very little of it from basswood. I am unable as yet to say how others have done in this district, but fancy the crop will not average more than one-third the number of pounds produced last year. We all know how that should effect the price, provided that bee-keepers run their business on a business basis; unfortunately there are many who do not, hence it is difficult to count on results.

F. J. MILLER.  
Middlesex Co., Ont., July 25.

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The season has been poor; not more than half of last season's average, I judge.

J. W. SPARLING.  
Durham Co., Ont., July 22.

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Season about over; basswood in full bloom, but not yielding anything; surplus from clover will be about fifty pounds per colony.

H. G. SIBBALD.  
Peel Co., Ont., July 22.

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About 25 pounds per colony, mostly basswood, swarming about five per cent.

JAMES ARMSTRONG  
Haldimand Co., July 31.

White honey crop is over, and is about half what it was last year. I think that will be about the average in this section. There is no basswood.

S. WOOD.  
Simcoe Co., Ont., July 26.

### ADVANTAGE OF THICK EXTRACTING COMBS.

In a very excellent article in The Bee-keepers' Review on uncapping and extracting honey expeditiously, Mr. E. D. Townsend of Remus, Mich., has the following to say about the advantage of thick extracting combs:

"We use only eight combs in a ten-frame upper story. This is about 13-4 inch spacing. With this wide spacing we get great, fat combs of honey, and then we run our uncapping knife deep, cutting the comb clear down even with the frame, and there are hardly ever any combs so uneven but what the knife will uncap them the first time over. This makes it possible to uncap much faster, and there are less combs to handle. I do not think it would be putting it too strong to say that two ten-frame upper stories, with eight combs in, can be uncapped as quickly as one with ten combs in; and then the eight frames can be extracted in one-fifth less time. Besides this, we get a good deal more wax; and I cannot see as it costs anything extra, this drawing out of the combs each year. I cannot conceive of a more puttering job than trying to uncap narrow-spaced combs with thick top-bars. Before we began to use wide spacing in the upper stories it took two of us most of the time to do the uncapping, if we made any headway; now Delbert alone will uncap more honey than any two frame extractor will handle; and we are contemplating putting in a four-frame machine in the future. It is surprising how quick-