

weeks. Strong frosts also appeared at night which destroyed all bloom, paralyzed the bees, and swept out of existence every weak colony not specially attended to. Grape vines and all tender plants were blackened, which makes them fruitless for this season. Nevertheless at this date the elements seem to be settled; bees are booming, and as white and alsike clover are abundant, and the plants are healthy there are good prospects of an abundant honey crop.

J. ANDERSON,

Tiverton, May 15, '89.

ESSEX.

The weather for bees has been bad, but the prospect for honey is good. Lots of white clover and bees are swarming every fine day, but they are very short of honey; so much brood all eaten out of house and home would starve if the weather had not changed. This will be a good year for bees I think.

R. E. SMITH.

Tilbury Centre.

NORFOLK.

Our bees are booming on alsike clover while one week ago they were on the point of starvation. Why do bee-keepers not sow more of this valuable crop? With the prospect for Linden and the quantity of Japanese buckwheat to be sown in this vicinity we are looking for a good season. Five swarms have issued making our yard just number one hundred colonies at present.

E. & G. W. BARBER.

Hartford.

MANITOBA.

LISGAR.

Cloudy and cool, second week fine for bees. Honey came in lively, queens crowded, could extract 15 and 20 pounds from some colonies. Honey gathering principally from prairie flowers. Colonies very strong, some swarms. The prospects are good for a good season.

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Fernton, Man.

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THE COMING HIVE.

THE coming hyve iz the wone that haint got hear yet, butt I feel sure it's coming; meanwhile lett uss lay awake nights with the camphor bottle close at hand to soothe our aching heads and ponder on its coming. I feel sure the whole secret ov success in keeping bees lies in the coming hyve. There is a noble marter to our caws that lives a few miles from me; he has kept bies about twenty-five years; what a los to our pursuit it wil bee when he is

know more. I will feel in the language of the poet when he is gon to exclaim, let him R. I P. or let him rest in piece. I have visted him almost every year for many years, and almost every year he invents a new hive which he says is the coming hyve. I wish yo could se his place; it shows for itself what disappointed hopes and years of long labor the man has past here for our behalf. Yes and what I am fearful of is that the coming hive is among the number he has invented and he is unaware of the fact; it seems it must be there or else it's still coming. I told him it was all right to keep so many kinds of hives for it was according to Fringle. Mean- while after paying a few hundred dollars for hives which was claimed to bee the coming hive, but which I found was not, I hav for a good menny years ben using a hive of mi own make, and pachently am watin for the cumming hive. How can we dout its coming when so many have gone after it. Any phool noes it aint so much the bees that makes the honey, but its the hive. A pint of bees in the coming hive and tremendous yealds of honey, will be the watch-word in future years. Yes, I make a simple, unplanned, unpainted box, nine inches bi thirteen inches square inside, with bottom-board nailed on, and plain cleated cuver. I could almost make one ip fifteen minutes, the lumber for each hive costs about 18c. I let every hive stand on its own footing. 'Tis a case of the survival of the fittest, and thave got so now tha al survive. Yes and I avoid all them—oh dear, what is it you call it—goin there, overhauling, tumbling up, contractin, tuckin in, spreadin-brood, manipula- tin, gultin, seein to, seein if thave got a good queen, nursin, pettin and pacin, oh no, I never do so, and ime foolish enough to trust to bees to make honey, while others I se are getting large yealds of hyves. I hope the coming hive will be among there yield. I'm wating.

JOHN F. GATES,

Ovid, Erie Co., Pa.

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APICULTURAL ITEMS.

REPLY TO "OBSERVER," PAGE 926—THE HALLAM-SHIRE LAW.

"OBSERVER" has not tried this "Law" because it is put forward too-much in the style of a patent medicine advertisement, but still he says it may be all right nine times out of ten. Now friend, have you not just overdone yourself? What can you know about the "Law" if you never try it? Also how can it possibly remind one of a patent medicine advertisement? Seeing that all such