

they are a sure prey to the European Foul Brood which has swept so disastrously over many parts of the United States and has done great damage in some parts of Ontario. It is impossible to cure this dread disease so well in any except Italian bees. On this account, as well as for other reasons, we would urge strongly that all apiaries in Ontario be Italianized as soon as possible.

All kinds of hives are used, from the "barn" down through the list of the twelve-frame, ten-frame, eight-frame Langstroth, the Jones, Richardson, Gallup, Quinby, and home-made. Only one man was brave enough to say he used box hives, and the number of combs, he said, was "Goodness knows how many I don't." After all, the kind of hive for one to use is the kind he has the best success with, but when one is just starting or is seeking uniformity of fixtures there seems nothing to gain and much to lose by adopting a hive which is a little different from everything under the sun.

The chief difficulties which bee-keepers have can be summed up in the two great problems of apiculture—swarm control and wintering. In many cases the trouble is summed up in the words of one man who said his chief difficulty was to "get the old woman to watch for swarms." The interest that is taken in this problem of swarm control is shown by the fact that when the Department of Bee-keeping at the Ontario Agricultural College sent out notices that instructions would be supplied to all who cared to conduct an experiment in the control of swarming, more than three hundred and twenty-five men and women from every county of Ontario, and from other provinces from the Atlantic to the Pacific, made application for the circular of instructions on this important subject.

A great many stated that they had not time to give the bees attention because their busy time came at the same time as the heavy work on the farm. The solution to this difficulty is to have plenty of store combs and supers. Stack these on the hives from time to time as needed, and systematically keep the bees busy and contented so they will not think of wanting to swarm, then neither the "old woman" nor the old man will be worried getting arms down from high trees, or seeing them go to the woods.

The wintering problem needs to be just as carefully studied. No colony ever dies without a definite cause, which should be carefully sought out and prevented next time. Plenty of good stores; good queens, warm packing, shelter from winds, all these and many others are factors in successful wintering. If the bees are always prepared for the hardest kind of winter they will get through the easy ones all right.

Prospects are right for prices this year as the markets are bare and honey has become a staple which dealers look for regularly. Blanks will soon be sent out by the Committee on crop reports and prices. It is to be hoped they will meet with a hearty and prompt reply by all who receive them.

The following reports are summarized directly from the statements received: