

termine, by by-law, that to vote in election of Directors membership must be paid at least one week before the annual meeting.

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Red and alsike clovers fared badly; scarcely any left in this locality. White clover has come through in fair condition and is beginning to bloom. Basswood is going to bloom very good, in fact a good promise, but you know there has been little or no honey from that source for several years lately. Abundance of bloom; abundance of showers.

J. K. Darling.

Lanark Co.

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Bees are holding their own now, and we only look for light crop as clover is killed out considerable.

Wm. Couse.

Peel Co.

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The clover wintered well here, but there is not nearly so much as there has been during the last few years. Bees are in good condition and with favorable weather prospects are good for a fair crop.

Dennis Nolan.

Simcoe Co.

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Clover has been badly killed by sheet ice. The frost went very deep into the ground. Bees wintered not the best, and the cold, backward spring crowned the climax; have to feed yet to keep them from starving; many farmers have yet to feed their cows, no grass for them. Hope my western friends, both bee-keepers and farmers, are more fortunate along these lines.

W. J. Brown.

Prescott Co.

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Clover I regret to report is a perfect failure, our clover in this district has all been winter killed, also many meadows that were sown with timothy had to be plowed up, and re-sown with grain or Hungarian grass, so that the present prospects are not very encouraging. Our bees are in better condition than I have ever had them for big crop. I have tried the method suggested by Mr. Darling of placing weak colonies on top of very strong ones, also of placing two strong colonies,

one on top of the other, with an extra brood chamber for the top queen, every frame is full of brood and bees. I think Mr. Darling's plan is excellent for building up weak colonies. We are now feeding, after the fruit bloom, in hopes of new clover or basswood, or anything else that Providence may send our way.

John Flxter.

Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

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The prize list of the Canadian National Exhibition, to be held in Toronto, Ont., August 27 to September 10, which is now being distributed, contains many changes compared with last year. In nearly every department there is a material increase in the premiums. In the horse department classes have been added for Welsh, Shetland and Hackney ponies, and the prizes in the first section of the breeding classes have in several instances been doubled. It has also been decided to award the premiums in the trials of speed on the three-heat plan, each heat to be considered a completed contest and the money to be divided according to the place won in each heat. The Dominion Short Horn Association, having increased their grant for prizes to \$2,000, the exhibition management have responded with a like amount, so that there is considerable expansion also in the cattle department. In the sheep division wether sections have been added to each breed of sheep. In this connection it might be mentioned that the management are making arrangements that will enable sheep to be judged under cover. In the poultry department a number of sections have been added, and the list has been increased by an extra number of specials. Several changes have been made in the dairy department, and the building is to be improved by cold storage. In the floral division a prize is added for the best and most original floral design. Several sections recommended by the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association have been added to the honey classes. Several sections have also been added to the women's and children's departments. The total increase all round amounts to close upon \$4,000, which means that the aggregate sum given in premiums by the Canadian National Exhibition is approaching the \$50,000 mark. Entries are set to close on August 4.