

which promises thus far to be very good for fall pasture.

We have now started queen raising both for ourselves and our customers, as we believe those raised in the height of the season, under the most favorable circumstances, have no superiors.

### ENCOURAGING.

The Nectar Harvest has begun and Promises Well.

THE EXTRACTOR HAS COMMENCED TO "GO."

**B**ELOW we publish the second instalment of our semi-monthly reports. As must be expected they vary considerably. Some say the basswoods are laden with buds, others that the frosts destroyed the incipient blossoms; clover on the whole seems to yielding better than for the past two seasons. Swarming is reported as general.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

##### COLCHESTER.

I herewith send you a condensed report of the honey crop for this district. Too much wet weather for honey gathering until this week which is very fine, honey coming in very good from clover. I think the prospects are fine as there are immense quantities of white and alsike clover but not as much honey as I would expect. Swarming is very late on account of spring dwindling, my own having all swarmed but one, but a great many are only beginning to swarm now. About 15 pounds per hive is the most honey secured as yet, but in a few days it will double that.

W. D. BLACK.

Truro.

#### QUEBEC.

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We have passed through a very rainy time but are now getting good warm weather and bloom is yielding some. Bees are now out of danger so far as dwindling goes. Losses here in many cases are as high as 50 per cent. since set out of cellar. Prospects good if weather keeps favorable.

W. A. PEARSON.

Lacolle

#### ONTARIO.

##### LANARK.

Very warm the last few days and bees swarming pretty lively, some of the new swarms swarm out several times, storing some clover honey in sections, colonies strong in April are very strong, while those that were weak have

made very little progress, and have fizzled out entirely. Never saw so great a difference as this season. First week cold and backward; second, warm and quite dry up to near the end of the month showery and warm now 70° to 90°.

J. K. DARLING.

Almonte, June 18, '89.

##### LEEDS.

Weather, exceedingly hot with occasional showers. The past two weeks have been, as a whole, favorable for the bees. Occasional heavy dashes of rain seem to wash the honey out of the clover, but there has been a fairly good honey flow and prospects are good for a flow from the alsike and white clover for some days yet. Swarming is the favorite occupation of a great many colonies at present, and many beekeepers, who at present delight over the great increase, will learn from the great teacher experience, that third or fourth swarms are not likely to be very profitable colonies.

MATTHEW B. HOLMES.

Athens

##### LENNOX.

The past two weeks have been fairly favorable for the bees. Great for swarming and middling for honey. The swarming fever runs exceedingly high and I hereby extend my sympathy to the non clippers—I am a clipper. First order for new extracted honey came in the other day—a dozen jars—11 cents wholesale 12½ retail.

A. PRINGLE

Selby, Ont.

##### VICTORIA.

During the past two weeks there has been a great deal too much rain, cloud, and haze to be first class bee weather. One day last week, Wednesday I think, the air was entirely saturated with moisture and the bees would rob all day. On the bright days clover has been yielding pretty well. First swarm in my yard on 23rd. Swarms out almost every day. Swarming is now at its height and will be partly over this week. Sections are just being finished. Extracting has commenced. A neighbor took 47 pounds from one hive on 1st inst. From what I have seen and from all accounts recently, the bloom on the basswood is likely to be profuse. I am shaping my management of the hives for that crop. I hope to get surplus from every hive which has cast a swarm as well as from the swarms. My diagonal comb hives are away ahead in early swarming. I hope to have bees in over hundred such hives this season.

S. CORNEIL.

Lindsay.