

seen and know the following answers are given to the best of my knowledge:

1. Swarming last year was exceedingly poor, some not having had any, from seemingly strong and prosperous colonies.

2. Bees just around here wintered well. Out of seven all came through alive and in fair condition; in fact good, some having brood as early as March, what I thought were work swarms.

3. Bees this spring built up fast.

4, 5 and 6. The clover, basswood and thistle flow have been abundant in this locality; large harvests having been reported from all having colonies.

7. The prospects for buckwheat honey are more than usual, as straw was scarce last fall, consequently manure was scarce this spring, and farmers have sown buckwheat more abundantly than heretofore, and therefore there will be large harvests of honey from this plant alone.

8. Swarming this summer has been very fast, and furious, so to speak, they having started early and as late as August, quite a few have come off.

In conclusion I wish to mention that the foundation you sent me was excellent; being highly pleased with it, both in appearance and quality, it being far superior to the trash we get here. Would say that if you established an agent here for supplies, I think you would do a good trade, as it is almost impossible to secure anything in time to make use of it.

Any information that I am able to give you, will be freely given any time you see fit to write me.

Allow me to ask you a question, which you can answer in the next issue of the Journal. Is there any danger of the brood chamber being too full of honey at this season of the year? Some of my swarms not having 50 sq. inches of brood cells, all the rest being full of honey. You can send me a copy of your journal when issued, and oblige. Yours truly,

Aug. 20th, 1896. J. J. McDONALD  
Ravenhoe, York Co., Ont.

[Will some of our subscribers please answer the above question.—Ed.]

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst. and will try and give you the information you want.

1. There were very few swarms in 1895, and a great many hives had not enough honey to winter.

2. I think on an average about one half of the died, although many came through all right.

3. The bees built up very good. I might say extra good.

4. The clover flow has been good, and there is still a little clover; enough to keep them breeding good.

5. The basswood flow has been good.

6. The thistle flow has not been very good.

7. It is only very rarely that we see a piece of buckwheat around here.

8. The swarming this year has been good. In fact it has been very hard to keep them from swarming.

I think my bees will average at least 75 pounds of honey each, besides leaving them enough to winter. Yours truly,

Warwick, Aug 18, '96. N. HERBERT.

In reply to your questions would say:

1. In 1895 had no swarms, I do not allow them if I can prevent.

2. Wintered well.

3. Poor. Last 180 spring dwindled.

4. None.

5. Good.

6. Very little.

7. None here. Good in Prince Edward County.

8. Very few swarms. Yours truly,

B. O. SCOTT

Anson, Hastings Co., Aug. 19th, 1896.

1895 was a poor year for swarms—no swarms until August; and few if any wintered. The old bees wintered good and built up fast in spring. The clover flow of honey was large; the basswood flow was good, lasting two weeks; Bees did not gather much thistle honey; buckwheat flow is good. Swarming with me has been very good—swarms came from May the 23rd to August the 12th, and all have made surplus honey but the last swarm.

Yours,

THOMAS WEAVER

McCready P. O., Lambton Co., Ont., Aug. 24, 1896.

1. Hardly any—severe frost in June killed linden and clover.

2. Three quarters died, caused by early frost, which prevented brood raising after July. Consequently only old bees went into the cellar.

3. '96, Well.

4. Good but no bees.

5. Good but no bees.

6. None here.

7. I never have any worth speaking about.

8. Very fair, bees built up very fast considering their weak state.