

thought of getting a month of such miserable weather as we have had, with scarcely an hour fit to open a hive. I have been feeding for over a week and have used up a large amount of honey. Before I commenced feeding, many of the colonies were killing off the drones and dragging out drone brood. The raising of worker brood has received a very serious check. The weather for the past few days has been warmer, and is looking more favorable at present. Clover and raspberry are coming out in bloom and I hope to see the bees gathering rapidly in a few days. The sharp frosts blackened the clover leaves in places, but it appears to be getting over it nicely, and I anticipate a good yield from that source. I don't expect any swarms before July, owing to the severe check on brood raising. I found the willow honey very inferior in flavor,—have been selling it at eight cents per pound, the usual retail price of first class honey in this locality is ten cents per pound.

Monticello.

GEORGE WOOD.

WELLINGTON.

The season so far has been very unfavorable, caused by exceeding wet weather, but at present is all we could wish for, being showery and warm. Bees did not work on dandelion as fruits came out about the same time and after a short time of bloom the frost killed all available flowers and the bees were forced to rest from their labors. They brooded well for a while and many colonies were on the verge of swarming but the cool weather checked them and now after the dearth, appears white clover and they begin work on it. Prospects seem good at present for thistle and clover. Honey worth 15c. retail. Some have extracted and wish they had not.

J. H. DAVISON,

Mount Forest, June 15, '89.

BRANT.

The last two weeks has not been very good for bees. Up to the 11th it has rained most of the time, but it has fairied up now and swarming begun. Everything looks favorable for a good honey flow. The bees are gathering honey from the white and alsike clover. The one I have on the scales began to gain on the 12th—1 lb. on the 12th, 2 on 13th and to-day (14th) 4 lbs., and if the weather keeps as fine as it is now you may look for some large reports this year. Honey is selling in Brantford at from 12½ to 16 cts; comb brings 20 cts. but not much in demand. Comb fdn. on the raise; Japanese buckwheat in good demand. The bee-keepers are beginning to wake up and to provide pasture

for the bees. So mote it be, for without pasture no honey can we expect.

Brantford.

D. ANGUISH.

OXFORD.

The first week in June was quite cool and wet. Bees flew but little. The second week was warm and fine. Bees commenced to gather from clover on the 11th and are gathering quite fast to date. Clover is better than for several years. The wet weather has been favorable for clover. Bees that had plenty of stores are strong in bees and brood. Those light have not bred up so well. A few neglected have stored. Prospects are good, one neighbor had a swarm on May 19. I have heard of two or three swarms this week. Clover is not at its best yet. will give prospects of basswood next time. All spring crops are good, fall wheat better than usual. The season is two weeks earlier than usual, commenced haying yesterday; plenty of fruit here.

Holbrook.

MARTIN EMIGH.

GREY.

The past two weeks have been wet and cold which has resulted in a large consumption of honey while very little has been brought in. Brood rearing has not been vigorously carried on, so that at this moment the average working force is lighter than it ought to be and with very little old honey in the hives. White clover is showing bloom and a change for the better has taken place in the weather.

OWEN SOUND.

R. MCKNIGHT.

PERTH.

The weather during the past two weeks has not been as favorable as usual this time of year; too cool and also too much rain. The clover is in excellent condition, but I fear the basswood bloom in this locality is ruined on account of the severe frosts of late. Have had two swarms to date only, the flow of honey being too scant. Bees in very fair condition for the harvest if it comes.

Stratford, June 15, '89.

F. A. GEMMILL.

BRUCE.

Bees wintered well in Bruce last season, and the last week of April and first three of May were as favorable as could be desired, consequently a good quantity of honey was taken in from the blossoms of fruit trees and dandelions. This stimulated breeding very much, but a change took place in the elements. On the last week of May cold winds and rain mixed even with snow began, and continued nearly three