

Last spring I sold several colonies to a party at Pickanock, some 60 miles up the Gatineau. He reports many swarms and much honey. Moral: "Go north, bee-keeper, go north." After selling last spring I had 20 colonies left, mostly strong. Surplus now, some 200 lbs. that's all. I am not counting on much more—worst season yet with me.

WM. ALFORD.

Ottawa, Ont.

The honey flow in this section has been fair to good. As near as I can judge within a radius of about 30 miles the surplus among progressive bee-keepers range from 40 to 100 lbs. per colony.

From 50 to 60 per cent. of the bees died last winter and spring.

The total crop that will be put on the market will average very little more than last year. The prospect for fall flow is good.

W. A. CHRYSLER,

Kent Co., Ont.

The honey crop is going to be again very poor, the bees were in only fair condition to begin with and there has been very little white or alsike clover; last season was so dry that the seeds sown did not grow to plants and this spring so cold and dry that they did not grow to bloom. Basswood is badly damaged, leaves being cut by an insect. About all that we can expect honey from now is the thistles, as there is not any buckwheat sown in this district.

W. COUSE.

Streetsville, Ont.

My report is not very good. I made a mistake last season which has affected this one very materially. I left here and took my bees to Ottawa by train May 16th and kept them

there during the honey season. I brought them home by wagon late in the fall, was three days on the road with them and had to put them in winter quarters without giving them a chance of a fly to clean themselves, so I lost 27 colonies. I started this spring with 16 colonies, not all first-class. My first swarm came off June 10th and I had ten before the end of the month. I have only taken off two supers of sections but they are all doing very fine just now. We are about two weeks behind you in all kinds of honey bloom. In 1898 I started with 28 colonies, spring count, made 362 dollars out of them and put 65 colonies in cellar. If this year I can make one hundred dollars and double my bees I will not call the queen my cousin, but my advice is to move bees as little as possible as it means loss all round. That is my experience. I think this year bee-keepers should not be too fast to get rid of their surplus honey, as prices will be maintained all right. I am glad you intend to give reports in the C. B. J. I like your paper splendid only it has a subscription attached to it which is annoying.

ROBT. MCJANET.

Pontiac, Que.

Keep a record of your colonies. Know exactly the history, condition and character of each and aim at bringing them all up to an equality of perfection.

Look out for moths in your surplus combs. If stored in empty hives or supers spread them at least two inches apart.

Shade your hives, your bees will swarm less and work better.

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