

based on an experience of 24 years, the last 7 being spent solely in beekeeping.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—(1) Yes, if properly managed. (2) 150 colonies to be kept in one apiary. (3) One assistant for six weeks only. (4) About fifty. (5) Six apiaries of 120 colonies each.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—(1) Not at present prices of honey. (2) As extracted honey is now selling, delivered in New York city at 6½ cents, I again say it could not be made to pay. (4) Not over 20 on an average. (5) Perhaps 500 to 1000.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO.—(1) It pays if properly managed and in a good locality. (2) The basswood is a failure some seasons where it is plentiful. It would depend on fruit and clover blossoms. He would require three or four hundred colonies. (3) He would require two good assistants. (4) About 20 is a good day's work; if honey capped about 12. (5) Probably he might oversee from 500 to 1000. The editor can answer this query best of all.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—(1) Not always. (2) 150 colonies, but would advise the addition of 100 more to cover the last word in No. 2. (3) The less assistants a man has the better; do it yourself if possible. (4) Depends on a great many conditions. I know of one man that will work hard all day and not get through with 20 colonies and another that will go through 100 in ten hours. (5) With proper assistants how many could he not oversee?

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—(1) Yes, successful bee-keeping pays. (2) Presupposing first rate management, a good average season, and moderately fair price for surplus stock or increase, 100 colonies would do it. (3) If he be thoroughly competent, active and expert himself, one assistant will be amply sufficient. (4) Under the conditions named I think I could go over from 50 to 75. (5) If we take the phrase "proper assistants" for all it is worth a proper overseer could I should think oversee about 10,000.

P. C. DEMPSEY, TRENTON.—(1) Yes. I have known a lady with 40 colonies spring count 10 to sell \$600 worth of honey and double her stock, not counting the honey used by the family. (2) Within four miles of where I write one beekeeper attends about 100 colonies and usually sells from one to six tons of honey and only occurs about our months of his time during the year. He also has a large number of bees to sell and sells them besides a large number of queens. Sold : 4 tons honey at 10c. per lb, \$800.00;

80 colonies of bees at \$10 per colony, \$800.00; 500 queens at \$1.00 each, \$500.00.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—(1) I think about one in every fifty who try bees make it pay and the other forty-nine lose time and money at it. (2) I could not answer that question. Why say ten cents per pound? What guarantee have you for that price in large quantities one year after another? We should not mislead. (3) Don't know. (4) Don't know. This would depend largely upon how much the bees troubled with swarming and also upon your mode of doing things. If the honey were capped it would take twice as long as to throw it out in a raw green state. (5) Don't know. I feel inclined to say that a few years actual experience will answer these questions for such individuals much better than we can.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT. - (1) An accurate answer to this question requires closer book-keeping than is usually done by those who learn the business by making blunders and then correcting them. I think it pays when the business is once learned. (2) I would rather undertake to make \$1200 by keeping only one yard and would not want more than 120 first class colonies. (3) I have an assistant who could do all the work himself. (4) A first class man having everything in readiness before the flow commences, can run from 126 to 150 stocks for all they are worth. (5) Don't know. Depends on his ability to manage men as well as bees.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—(1) I answer yes, if you compare bee-keeping with other rural pursuits. (2) If I was getting \$1000 or \$1200 per annum and liked the business, and it did not injure my health or morals, I would not give it up for a rural pursuit. There would be no necessity for taking the risk of making change. Bee-keeping as a business can be utilized only by those who are adapted to the business. And to such, and only such, it will pay as well as other rural pursuits. Perhaps 200 colonies in the hands of a practical beekeeper would insure an income equal to the amount you name. (3) One smart boy in addition to his own labor, with a little extra help in times of "pinch," would enable the apiarist to pull through. (4) About twenty. (5) It would depend on the capacity of the apiarist. About three apiaries of 100 colonies each would be enough for most men.

H. COUSE, THE GRANGE, ONT.—(1 and 2) I would advise the writer to have considerable practical experience before he may expect said amount clear of expense annually, better try a