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With this issue all subscribers who are in arrears will receive a statement, and we ask for a speedy response to the same.

Thus far, during the present honey season, our early predictions have held good—that honey was likely to be produced in large quantities this season. In fact, the clover, wherever the weather was dry enough, has produced very liberally. In some localities there has been a very large quantity of rain, especially early in the season. The clover honey was not as thick this year as usual on account of the excess of moisture; but the basswood honey, which is not so much affected by rain, is much thicker; in fact our basswood honey this season is very fine and unusually light in color. Unless the sun shines so hot on the thistle bloom as to destroy it, we may expect a large yield from the thistle as well. In fact, just

now the bees are gathering some from thistle as well as basswood. Our basswood trees are just laden with flowers, and the limbs seem to droop from their weight and the honey they contain. We have hived swarms of bees within the last few days that commenced gathering from the basswood within one hour after they were hived, and were carrying in honey as rapidly as an old established colony. This, of course, was where they were hived upon clean bright combs that were suitable for the reception of honey at once. We think we are quite sure of at least three weeks of basswood bloom this year, as the bees commenced gathering a little from the 12th to the 14th, and by the 15th it was in full swing. It is now the 25th—ten days—and it seems to be yielding better every day. We do not recollect when the basswood was yielding so liberally, or seeing so many bees on Canadian thistle. It just shows that, should either one of them fail, the other would be ample to keep our colonies storing to their fullest capacity for some time. From present appearances we would not be surprised to find the thistle yielding well till about the end of August, as there are many plants that will not be in bloom for two weeks yet. In fact, in wet seasons we do not hesitate to say that in many localities there is more honey produced from the thistle than from either clover or basswood. But, as I have frequently stated before, without careful inspection it is difficult for any person to determine the quantity of thistle honey as compared with that from basswood that is being gathered, and it is not unfrequently the case that two-thirds or three-fourths thistle honey mixed with basswood will pass for all basswood honey, as the flavor of the thistle is so easily affected by the stronger and more distinct flavor of the basswood. We would advise all those who have small after-swarms now to return them to the parent colonies as a tendency, caused partially from plenty of rain, will be for colonies to swarm too much; and this is also hastened by the unusual heat of the last few days. Where it is possible, hives should be shaded and protected from the direct rays of the sun, especially during mid-day. The entrance should be left open at full width, and the lids and cloth