

Bees wintered fairly well in this locality last winter, although the winter was severe. I packed 54 colonies on their summer stands and all came through, but lost a few in the spring from queenlessness. My crop of clover honey is much above last year's, being about two-thirds of an average crop, but a very superior quality of comb honey. Not much basswood or thistle here, in fact both will be of no account, except some from buckwheat. Had barely enough swarms to fill vacancies. W. H. Kirby.
Oshawa, Ont., July 20, 1895.

As to honey flow, it was good while it lasted. It was over about the 25th June, only 12 swarms out of 60

Carrville, Ont. Josiah Reaman.

Basswood started the day after you left here and yielded splendidly. A cold wave struck us on the 9th inst. and upset the whole business, but they are starting out again to-day splendidly. The fine basswood in my lawn that we were looking at is about one-third opened and swarming with bees. I think basswood is at its best now. C. W. Post.

Trenton, Ont., July 13th, 1895.

I would say the honey crop is almost or quite a failure in this locality on account of the extreme dry weather.

Adolphus S. Fox.

Olinda, Ont., July 16th, 1895.

It has been rather a hard season on the bees. Very few swarms. Bee-keepers north of here had to feed their bees to keep them from starving. We had a few showers of rain lately which has put new life into the bees. I expect to get some surplus from the Canada thistle. There is a great demand for honey. A. Fyfe.

Harriston, Ont., July 22, 1895.

This has been one of the poorest seasons I have experienced in the fifteen years I have kept bees. Only twenty out of the forty-eight colonies survived the winter. The spring was cold and the fruit blossom destroyed by the frost so that building up was a very slow process. I have only had one swarm, and that was on June 1st. Strong colonies gathered a little honey from the alsike clover, but there is no white clover and no basswood. I have only extracted once when I got 550 pounds. A little more will be obtained when I take off the top stories. As far as I can hear about 40 pounds per colony has been realized in this section from those that came out strong in the spring, but nothing from those that were weak. J. Carswell.

Bond Head, Ont., Aug. 20th, 1895.

So far the honey flow has been rather poor this year, though it is beginning to pick up a little just now; it is rather late in the season as our flowers for the finest quality of honey are almost over and the buckwheat is coming in. The swarming has also been poor, out of 15 hives I only had three that swarmed. The appearances altogether seem rather low as compared with last year which was a very good one. Dr. E. P. Campbell, V. S.

St. Hilaire, Que., July 22nd, 1895.

The flow from clover and basswood has been good in this vicinity. Bees, however, wintered poorly owing to the poor quality of stores laid in for winter use. Generally speaking, I should think fifty per cent. of colonies died. The remainder were, with few exceptions, unable to build up for basswood which came about twelve days earlier than usual or about July 1st. Crop will be light, swarms moderate.

Jas. Heime.

Smith's Falls, Ont., July 18th, 1895.

The honey crop here is light this season if we leave the bees enough to winter on, but think it will not pay to take the honey and feed sugar. G. E. Saunders.

Agerton, Ont., July 18th, 1895.

Bees worked well in clover. Have not extracted the basswood flow yet; expect it will not be so good. Don't think the buckwheat will do well either on account of the dry weather. I work in flour mill, am obliged to do my bee work when I can and not when I would like to. Will endeavor to send you amount I get from eighty colonies (black bees). spring count.

H. E. Gale.

Ormstown, Que., July 19th, 1895.

The honey crop has been very light in this vicinity this season up to this date, will not exceed 10 or 12 pounds comb honey per colony, spring count. Although white and alsike clover bloom was prolific and abundant yet there was but little nectar. Basswood also yielded but little. At this date bees are not gathering enough to supply their daily needs. The prospects of a fall flow are not very encouraging.

Joshua Bull.

East Farnham, Que., July 19th, 1895.

The honey flow is not as good this year as it was last. The principal source of honey near Halifax is from willow, April 21 to May 22; fruit bloom, May 20 to June 8; raspberry, June 14 to July 15; Linden, July 9 to August 1; golden rod, Aug. 25 to Sept. 25. E. S. Goudge.

Halifax, N. S., July 16th, 1895.