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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. John Fixter, Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa, writes us (Mar. 13): "I have just shipped two fine exhibits of extracted honey, one for Wolverhampton, England, the other to Cork, Ireland; they will both be similar to the exhibit the Experimental Farm had at Buffalo in the Canadian building. Our bees are wintering splendid, I expect to put a few colonies out in a few days for experimental purposes."

Mr. J. L. Byer, writing under date Mar. 25, says: "Have just come from an out yard of 75 colonies, and have been doing something I never had to do before at this time of year, viz., feeding. Cannot understand how it is, but the consumption of stores has been very great this winter. Bees are abnormally strong for the season. At the yard mentioned mice gnawed an entrance into one, all the rest seem to be as populous as they were last November. Out of the 75 I found nearly 20 that had very little honey left. At home I lost one through starvation."

E. G. Hand, Fenelon Falls, writing March 29th, says: "My bees have wintered pretty well, but I would have lost some of them only for the early spring, as they ran short of stores, although I put them up as heavy as I have been in the habit of doing formerly. After this I think they will have to go 55 or 60 lbs before I pack. I find medium colonies winter best, but it seems impossible to calculate within ten pounds of what they will consume. I seem to get better results with colonies going into winter a trifle on the weak side rather than very strong. The season is very much ahead, and I believe that my bees will gather pollen in a few days if nothing happens. Prospects were never better. The clover is in first class condition."

Other reports have been very much along the same line. Bees are coming out in excellent condition with very slight winter losses but a large amount of stores have been consumed and feeding will need to be resorted to in many cases. We would advise our readers not to neglect their colonies at this point, as brood rearing is going on rapidly and there is "danger ahead." With us the bees were gathering pollen on Sunday, March 23rd. Twenty-three colonies, which we wintered outside in Alpacas in wintering cases, came through alive and in splendid shape, although they did not have a fly from the beginning of November until the end of February.