

hum of the bees over the grain field indicates a good harvest for them, they have no time now to think of swarming. Honey sells at twelve to twelve and a half cents. Weather somewhat cloudy with occasional showers of rain. Grain crops are good here.

Kilworthy.

E. SCHULZ.

DUFFERIN.

Bees have gathered steadily since last report although the weather has not been the best, most of the days have been windy, cool northerly winds generally, at times cool enough to chill bees in the shade, the nights have been cold. We had a sharp white frost on the morning of the 6th inst., some places it was sharp enough to blacken potatoes &c. It did not appear to do much damage in this locality. Basswood was a failure. I noticed its flavor in a few hives the last of July, but there was not sufficient to grade separately. The bees are gathering principally from that magnificent plant, the willow herb. Retail price for extracted honey 10c.; wholesale, 8c. One of my neighbors, I am informed, is retailing at 8c. Heavy rain to day 13th.

Monticello.

G. Wood.

PERTH.

The past two weeks has virtually closed the white honey harvest in this vicinity. The flow on the whole has only been a fair one, although the quality has partly made up for the deficit. There is still a small quantity coming in but all supers are being removed in order to allow the bees to prepare the brood chamber for winter. As to the fall flow the prospects at present appear good for a fair crop also, from golden rod, boneset, the asters &c, but I am too far removed from the flora, to receive much benefit therefrom. Last year the bees held their own, but not much more. I may however move some colonies to several different localities in order to test the difference in each as I am aware such is of benefit at times. All things considered my 73 colonies were never in better condition than they now are at this season, and I may also state, I am very well pleased with the returns made me. I quote prices for both extracted and comb honey, as agreed on by our newly organized association, as follows:—Extracted in quantities less than 5 lbs. 12c, over 5 lbs. and under 10 lbs. 11c. and all sales over 10 lbs. to be 10c. Comb, 20c. retail in sections, 17c. wholesale.

F. A. GEMMELL.

Stratford, Aug 15.

NORFOLK.

Our bees are gaining slowly from clover, thistle and buckwheat. Some colonies seem to be stor-

ing dark honey while in others it is light in color. The honey flow seems to be hindered greatly by the dry weather and cold nights. Honey is selling all the way from 10 to 15 cts. per lb., extracted; comb 20c.

E. & G. W. BARBER.

ESSEX.

The basswood flow is done and not very large crop. The weather is very dry and bees are not making much honey at present. Buckwheat is coming in and if we get some rain fall flow will be good. Honey is selling well here, comb wholesale twelve and a half cents per pound; extracted, eight to nine. white clover and basswood. Dark goods, comb ten cents a pound, extracted six to seven.

R. E. SMITH.

Tilbury Centre.

MANITOBA.

LISGAR.

The last two weeks have yielded some good bee weather and the last week has developed that great honey flow which was to fill all those pans. I told you about. The hives are packed full of honey and its lamentable the way I have to work. If the weather continues for two weeks I'll be able to say, what would honey fetch by the car load in Beeton.

C. F. BRIDGMAN.

Fernton, Man.

### The "Wandering" Bee-Keepers of Germany; Some Well Considered Views upon Migratory Bee-Keeping.

THE Euphratom of Luenburg Province, Hanover, Germany, is a sandy plain, buckwheat being about the only crop grown.

The rest of the plain is covered with heather, upon which rough-haired sheep barely keep themselves from starving. This is the country where bee-keeping is an occupation, and a well paying one too, and has been for hundreds of years. In the spring, the heather bee-keeper moves his apiary of 50 to 100 hives to rich, alluvial, bottom lands along the rivers. Here they get honey from fruit blossoms, clover, etc., and the colonies increase to 200 or 300. About the first of July, the bee-keeper wanders back to his home, where the buckwheat is beginning to blossom. After buckwheat, heather gives a good flow until late in the fall. The bee-keeper whose home is on the bottom lands, moves his bees the first of July to the heather, then home again late in the fall after the buckwheat and heather honey flow has ceased.

For this transportation the old straw skep is an excellent hive, and is mostly used. Does it