

swarms, making sixteen in all. I took from them 730 one lb. sections. These I wintered in sawdust, single wall hives successfully, one being queenless in spring of '90. This summer they increased thirty swarms, making 45 in all; doubled some of these up, reducing the number to 36 colonies and wintered them packed in sawdust; single wall hives. This season's crop was 400 lbs. comb, and 650 lbs. extracted. My honey is clear and white, not like any honey I have ever seen and takes the lead in Orillia, and it has not granulated yet, please let me know in the JOURNAL the cause. I am confident my honey was exhibited at the East Simcoe Fair at Orillia by H. L. Leach, as he bought 200 lbs. of me before the fair in presence of Mr. E. Clancey, telling me he had a contract to fill in Toronto, and that he was getting 12½ cents wholesale. Afterwards he sold it to George Vick, Orillia. I saw the honey in my can at Mr. Vicks. The reason I speak of this is because I saw Mr. Leach's report in the BEE JOURNAL.

JOHN BLAIR,
E. CLANCEY.

There is honey in Canada that granulates very slowly, but we never had any that did not granulate more or less in time. Different kinds of honey granulates at different periods, some granulating very much harder than others. There are ways of putting up honey to prevent it from granulation, but in the ordinary way of keeping it we think there is very little which does not granulate. Some have heated it and sealed it in glass sealers the same as fruit, they report that this prevents it from granulating.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS.

I wintered one hundred and fifty colonies last winter, but had to reduce them to 125, as they gathered scarcely any honey. At the end of the summer I had to feed to get them in shape to winter. The poorest season for the last twenty years in this State, but the colonies have gone into winter quarters fine—never better; a little snow on the ground, weather mild, bees all in winter quarters.

WM. URIE.

Minneapolis, Nov. 14, 1890.

FROM DRUMBO.

Messrs. Editors, Dear Sirs,—I thought I would give you a little of my summer's experience, thinking it would be interesting. My bees came out in the spring in very

good condition. I lost but two colonies out of twenty-one being wintered, nine on the stand and twelve in the cellar. The one which died in the cellar, starved; but the one outside had plenty of stores. The outside ones did the best, they were packed in sawdust four or five inches thick on the stand. My bees had been out only about a week when I was taken sick and could not attend to them for a month, and by that time there were 3 queenless ones, and before I could give them a queen or supply them with young brood to get one they had fertile workers, and as I had never seen any before I came to the conclusion I had Foul Brood for sure. After inquiring a little I found out what was the matter and was able to reclaim two, but lost the other. The two gave me no honey this season, but from the remaining 16 I took 1,000 lbs. of honey. This is the worst fall for bees I have ever experienced. In the middle of August I took off supers and weighed 6 or 7 hives, and in the latter part of September I weighed them again and found them from 5 to 10 lbs. lighter. I have to feed a part of them. I have 31 colonies to winter, and have just finished packing them to-day, all except those which I intend to put in the cellar.

I took a ramble the other day with the Inspector, Mr. McEvoy. After inspecting my apiary he pronounced it clean and in good condition. During our visit around the neighborhood we found one bee-keeper with 17 colonies all affected with foul brood, and three with two and another with one. We also visited Mr. Taylor, the oldest bee-keeper in this neighborhood. He has 90 colonies at present, and all look neat and comfortable. He winters on summer stands principally in double hives.

THOMAS PASSMORE.

Drumbo, Oct. 20, 1890.

We are very sorry, Mr. Passmore, to hear you were ill and could not attend to your bees properly, nevertheless you appear to have done fairly well considering the season, much better than many of your bee friends. The honey harvest was very spotted this year—good in some localities and poor in others. We presume that you were favored above many of your brother bee-keepers. You do not tell us how you managed your fertile workers, and what you did with the combs filled with fertile worker brood. Let us hear from you again in the spring as to how your bees come out.

* * * Please send us the names of your neighbors who keep bees, that we may forward copies of the BEE JOURNAL to them. A postal card and five minutes time will do it.