

coming from a distance. That was not their motive, however. Consequently since that all the honey shown here is from the Ottawa Valley. In the "good old days" we had keen competitors from both east and west. One can make a general estimate of the quantity, quality, etc., of honey in this locality by that exhibited. The extracted, good and plentiful; the comb, scarce and but few sections really first-class. The inference is readily drawn. The Ottawa Valley being a linden district, one might count on a good showing in that line if the season is favorable. The fact that the exhibitors had but little indicates a very small flow from the basswood this season. The beeswax, as usual was very choice and, being moulded in a large variety of designs, made a very unique and attractive display. In addition to the honey show there was a large exhibit of bee-keepers' supplies very neatly put up by the Capital Planing Mill Co., of Ottawa. Mr. J. K. Darling is a very painstaking judge and consequently the exhibitors are well-satisfied—something unusual at honey exhibits. The exhibitors were W. J. Brown, winning 3 firsts, 7 seconds and 3 thirds; A. McLaughlin, 8 firsts, 4 seconds, 1 third; R. McLaughlin, 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds.

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Alsike Clover.

Mr. J. F. Dunn, of Ridgeway, Ont., writes as follows: "I have just read your article in C. B. J. and think I can speak with confidence in the matter of alsike, etc., as my apiary is in the centre of about 1,000 acres, more or less, in alsike. I doubt if anything that could be planted can excel it. Grass peas are plentiful here also. They keeps the bees busy but not enough for surplus. Welland

Co. will give about half a crop. Buckwheat is yielding heavy here now."

Mr. D. Chalmers, of Poole, Ont., referring to this subject in a letter states that Mr. Darling, of Almonte, is in error about alsike giving a second crop. This is the objectionable feature about it for hay and pasture but at the price the seed has been and is now we can overlook this failing. It is this fault that makes me less able to understand why the demand for the seed is so great.

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Reports of the Crop.

About a week ago there was mailed to each member of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association a circular asking them to report on their honey crop. At this date about one half have reported; from these reports there can be some idea formed as to the crop in the province. 28 report a light crop, 6 of these say equal to, and 22 say less than 2 previous years; 21 report an average crop, 9 of these say equal, 8 better and 4 less than 2 previous years; 11 report a large crop, better than 2 previous years; 50 report their bees in as good or better condition than usual.

The greater part of the honey has been gathered from clover, a very little basswood. It is too early for reporting buckwheat and other fall honeys.

From the counties of York, Peel, Halton, Wentworth, Norfolk and Oxford the best reports have come. The summing up of these 60 reports indicate a little less than an average crop of honey, and it is a question if it had reported but that there would have been a greater proportion of light crops, as the majority of persons prefer to report success than otherwise.

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