

Sainfoin, as a honey plant, was one of the subjects in the evidence of Mr. John Fixter (Apiarist Central Experimental Farm) before the select committee of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. Much credit is due Mr. Fixter for his experiments, and especially for bringing this evidently valuable clover before the notice of bee-keepers and farmers. We are favored with the following communication from him on the same subject:

Editor Canadian Bee Journal:

Dear Sir,—I am so pleased with the results of our Sainfoin test that I feel it a duty to bring it again to the notice of our friends. The small field sown in the spring of 1904 was sown on poor, sandy soil, and therefore did not do very well the first season, it did not even bloom. Not being discouraged, we allowed it to stand over. Since spring it has made fairly good growth, coming into bloom June 9th—white clover bloomed June 14th, and very little out at that date. Bees are working so well on the Sainfoin that a beekeeper standing in the centre of the field would be looking where the swarm was, every plant has a bee on it. We cannot do too much by way of bringing this wonderful plant before the notice of our friends, it is not only a honey-producer, but makes such excellent fodder, and will produce honey each time it blooms.

Yours truly,

JOHN FIXTER.



Flow from clover did not commence here until about June 17th; nights were cool and the bees gathered only in the afternoons. Since then they have done fairly well, and we are looking for an average crop; we may get some basswood.

Cheapside, July 8.

The "Bee-Keepers' Review" tells how Mr. Walker Harmer of Michigan prevents after swarming, which is well worth taking a note of:

"Early in the season he rears queens from choice stock, and starts nuclei, then, when a colony swarms, he hives it, in the hive from which it issued, simply removing the brood, brushing off the bees, and giving the combs of brood to the nuclei that he has started, thus gradually building them up into full colonies. In this way all queens are reared from selected stock, the swarm on the old stand is reinforced by the young bees brushed from the combs of brood, and all after swarming is certainly avoided."



The Fruit, Flower and Honey Show will be held in the Massey Hall, Toronto, in November. Competition will be confined to the members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, as before. Now is the time for intending exhibitors to make preparation and provision, such is often left till the last week or so, and is then generally unsatisfactory. It is hoped that the members, and intending members of the Association, will take hold of this matter with enthusiasm, and that we will have even a larger display than was last year. The season is certainly favorable for it, and bee-keepers should never lose an opportunity of bringing their product before the public. The Association will hold its annual meeting at the same time.