

Communications.

The Bee-Keepers and Spraying Law.

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DEAR SIR—As the season will soon be here for the fruit growers spraying their fruit trees in full bloom and for the bee-keepers to try and prevent them, it is time that something should be done. By spraying the trees in full bloom, we are lead to believe by the best fruit growers, that it is not only useless, but injurious to fruit grower and bee-keeper alike. We are satisfied from what we have seen and heard, that the loss is great in some districts and generally through ignorance on the part of the fruit growers.

I am satisfied that in a case I know of the parties who sprayed were not aware of the damage they were doing to their neighbor bee-keeper, and I believe that since they have learned the damage they caused, they have not sprayed again during full bloom. In the first case I believe the sprayers were not benefitted and the second the bee-keepers lost from fifty to a hundred dollars.

The question is how can we remedy this matter, I think that the Ontario Bee-Association can help considerable by a very small expenditure (perhaps from seven to ten dollars) by getting from one to two thousand notices printed and by mailing ten or more copies to each of the members of the association and fifty to each of the affiliated societies. If these parties are interested who receive the notices they will try and make good use of them by posting them where they can be seen and have them copied in

their local papers. I feel confident that there will be considerable good done for the members of the association by this. President C. W. Post has instructed me to get quotations for printing circulars. I have done so and believe that the members of the association will endorse the action of the executive.

The notices should be out not later than the first week in May and should contain a copy of the act against spraying in full bloom, along with some of the evidence of fruit growers that was taken by the Legislature at the time the act was passed.

As this article may be read by some persons who would like to make some suggestions on the matter I would be pleased to receive any that may be mailed to me and they will be placed before the executive for consideration. I am satisfied that the executive will be willing to act according to the wishes of the members of the association. Hoping there may be something done to prevent our members suffering such loss as I have seen I am yours truly,

W. COUSE.

Streetsville, Ont, March 26th.

STARVED BROOD.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Wm. McEvoy, of Woodburn, Inspector of Apiaries for Ontario, upon the subject of dead brood.

"We had a fine spring in this part of Ontario, which caused a wide spread of brood. When I clipped my queens at that time not a dead larva was to be found, but later on some kind of dead brood appeared in half of my colonies. There would be from one to five, or ten dead larvæ in a colony and some of these often found in capped cells where