

continuously for about a month and require no cultivation. They would require to be protected from stock.

PLANTING BASSWOOD.

How do you secure basswood seeds or trees for planting? What is the method of planting and cultivation. What objections are there if any, to the tree as a shade or ornamental tree or otherwise? Would it well supply the maple for shade or ornamental?

We secure basswood trees by going to the bush and digging up the young trees. There are many places where the woodland is not used for pasturage where thousands may be secured without difficulty. We find they are the best tree to grow that we can plant. Anyone can see trees growing here now that were planted from three to five years ago, some of them were so covered with bloom that they could scarcely be counted having, we believe, more than 1000 bunches of blossoms. The roots should be dug up as carefully as possible and not cut too close to the tree. When selecting trees take them from one to two inches through. We consider them the most ornamental tree we have, the beautiful conical tops giving them a very graceful appearance. Maples are liable to die after they get quite large. Basswood will grow more rapidly, make a shade much sooner, and when filled with bloom, as they are nearly every year, the sight is one that would gladden the heart of any bee-keeper. White basswood will some day be worth more than walnut at the present time.

BEES IN PARTNERSHIP.

A. G. WILLOWS, CARLINGFORD, ONT.—I keep from sixty to eighty colonies of bees, and rent about forty-five acres of land, also do a small local supply business. Have about \$2000 capital in the whole business and my profits are from \$800 to \$1000 per annum. I have had about six years experience in bee-keeping. I wish to enlarge the business and take a friend in partnership. He has spent most of his life on the farm and has had no experience in bee-keeping, neither has he any capital to put into it. Now, what, in your opinion, would be a fair per-

centage of the profits for him to receive under the above circumstances? Any other advice you can give in regard to the matter would be thankfully received.

Without knowing all about the party that you purpose taking into partnership it would be hard to say what would be right in the matter. If the man assisted in working the farm as well as with the bees, he should have more than if he only attended to the bees, because knowing nothing of the business, he would be worth very little if anything, the first year, and the advantage of learning the business well would be equal to his labor. Then again, the amount of capital that you have invested should be taken into consideration, and as it is perishable to a certain extent, you should have more interest on the capital invested than if invested in real estate; ten per cent on the net capital would give you \$200 to be first taken out of the net profits of the concern; then if you gave him one-quarter of the profits the first year, one-third the second year, and one-half the profits after the second year, first, of course, deducting the amount \$200 interest on the capital. Without knowing further particulars, we should suppose this would be about fair for both parties.

FERTILE WORKERS LEAVING THE HIVE.

S. DIBB, DUNTRON.—Will fertile workers, after working in one hive for a while, leave it and enter the next hive kill the queen and take possession as it seems to me they do.

We have never known such an instance. Do not think they would.

WM. HUME, LEEDS VILLAGE.—I take the liberty of writing you for a little information in regard to the successful management of a few colonies of bees. I have kept bees in a very primitive style for the last ten or twelve years, but as yet have made no attempt to treat them in a scientific way, or according to the book. My bees, the common black ones, have been kept, until two years ago, in square boxes nailed with sticks passing through them to support the frames when they were filled with honey, and when requiring honey had recourse to the "Brimstone Pit," killing off every Fall large quantities of bees that had not sufficient stores