

will take longer to overcome, is the lack of shelter in the open country.

Of course the question: Can bees live in a country where clover is not cultivated? will continue to be asked. But this has been answered even more satisfactorily than the previous one. That bees do not live by clover alone or even supplemented with buckwheat, may be gathered from the fact that, during the past season, I extracted an average of seventy-four pounds of honey from each hive—old stocks and swarms.

We have pasture in abundance and of the best kind for bees. In the paper already referred to, Mr. Bedford states that we have at least sixty wild plants that yield honey. How many more, is another question. Although clover is not cultivated to any extent the white Dutch variety grows wild in many localities, disputing the possession of the uncultivated land with the much cursed Canadian thistles. In the eastern portion of the Province these are undoubtedly the staple honey plants, particularly in the Red River valley. But even in the western parts, where the thistle is comparatively unknown, its absence is not looked upon as a drawback to beekeeping; at least no attempts have yet been made to propagate it for that purpose, so plentiful are honey-bearing plants of other varieties. We have but little basswood and that little confined to one or two places, so that basswood honey is never likely to be a staple with us; but that matters little so long as what we do produce can compete with that or the best clover honey of Ontario. And that it can do this is no longer a question with any who have opportunities of judging. In selling the product of last season I have repeatedly had purchasers pronounce it "better than the best" Ontario. While this may seem extravagant, it is a fact that most—though of course not all—of our honey is as white as the whitest, and has a flavor so delicate and rare as to place it almost without the arena of competition. What gives it this remarkable quality I cannot say; and I have never heard it referred to any one plant. Probably it is owing to a combination which the variety of our wild bloom renders possible.

Any one who spends a summer in Manitoba and notes the profusion of bloom, from the willow catkins of April to the latest asters of early October, will no longer question its honey-producing possibilities; and any one wishing to take advantage of these has but to study the conditions in which he finds himself, to

make bee-keeping as successful and as profitable as it is in any other part of the Dominion.

AN EXHIBIT OF BEES.

This Will be a Feature at the
Toronto Industrial.

One of the most interesting and most unique features of the forthcoming Industrial Exhibition, to be held in Toronto from August 29 to September 10, will be an exhibition of bees under the management of Mr. K. F. Holtermann, lecturer on bee keeping at the Agricultural College, Guelph. Mr. Holtermann has made twenty years of close study of the habits of the honey bee. He will, under a specially prepared gauze tent, open hives of bees showing the contents of hives, including drones, workers, the queen bee, etc. When the weather is suitable he will also make a public exhibition of having an entire swarm of bees cluster and hang on his arm and give brief lectures, explaining the methods pursued. Specimens of queen cells, combs, pollen and honey in cells, drone and worker comb and section honey in all stages will be shown in an adjoining tent, also the ancient and modern methods of keeping bees. This exhibit will attract those who would like to see bees as they can be handled by those who understand them. This exhibit will be of particular interest to lovers of nature and to those who like to see the advancement and progress made in any industry, and it will be of practical value to those who wish to know the way to judge honey, the way to keep it, and to those who want to see the best way to produce honey and manage bees.

Entries for all live stock and dairy produce close with Manager Hill, 82 King street east, Toronto, on Monday, August 6th.

The honey season has been very fair in Muskoka. The spring opened up very nicely. Took bees out of cellar April 8th, when they gathered pollen.

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