

honey from one and grain and honey from the other. While the red clover often fails to produce a crop of seed, the alsike scarcely ever so fails, owing chiefly to the fact that the latter seeds in the first crop, while the red seeds in the second. Moreover the alsike seed always commands a higher price in the market than the red. Of course you cannot have good hay and seed both in the same season from alsike, but sometime you can have seed and a straw quality of feed simultaneously from it, in which case there is a treble crop, viz: honey, seed, feed.

As to the linden tree, I am greatly in favor of planting it for honey, and have practised my preaching by planting some 700 to 800. They are not blooming yet, but I expect to see them bloom. My advice then to all bee-keepers in localities where the tree is not plentiful in the woodland, is to plant basswood. If you do not feel like affording field land for the purpose, plant along the fences and highways—but plant somewhere. I planted 400 in good field land. The linden is a beautiful shade tree, is a rapid grower and hardy; and if we cannot make axe handles and whiffletrees out of the wood, we can use it profitably in cabinet and other work. One of the ways to enhance the prospects and possibilities of bee-culture in Ontario is for every bee-keeper who can, to plant basswood and he will not only be serving himself, but posterity, as one chief cause of the severe drouths which Canada with other countries is beginning to experience, is the rapid disappearance of trees from our portion of the earth's surface.

Wishing every success to the bee-keepers of Leeds and Grenville and that your present convention may be a pleasant and profitable one, I am

Yours Fraternally,

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Lessons of the Season,

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In my former article I promised something concerning harmony hives one of which you were good enough to send me. Soon after receiving it, I ran a good swarm into one division of it, and I then believed it to be important that the other division should be occupied at once, but owing to unfavorable weather I was not able to fill it for several days, and when I did so, I had the section crate on and the bees of the first swarm were up in the sections and they at once came over and swooped down upon the new occupants killing a large part of them, the remainder on losing their Queen either determining to make peace and unite with the first colony or returning to the parent colony. However as I had now an overplus of swarms I determined to try again and ran in two good swarms, then the fight began in earnest, but the new comers being much the stronger force succeeded after considerable slaughter in holding the fort and in a day or two got right down to work, but it being now late in the season they did not enter the sections. The first colony filled their half of the case quite nicely. Upon examining them in September I found that neither of them had sufficient stores for the winter and as I was anxious to thoroughly test this modern idea in stimulating bees to work, I put on feeders and fed them both liberally so as to leave no doubt as to their wintering safely. It now remains to be seen whether this plan will prove a success or not and should it do so, I may, if spared myself, have something to say. &c.

"Separators for Sections." I had