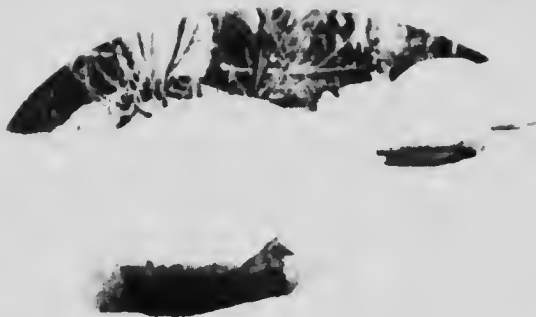


robbing contract the entrance of the hive by means of a block of wood. Prevention, however, is vastly better than cure. Do not open hives when there is no honey coming in unless it is necessary, and be careful not to leave honey or sugar exposed. Bees are not disposed to rob during the summer when they are able to gather from the flowers. During the spring and fall when the bees are not so busy there is danger of them robbing, so care should be taken to prevent this.

STUDY THE HABITS OF THE BEES

It is important that a person keeping bees should study their habits. Success depends largely upon a thorough knowledge of the condition of the hive. It is a mistake to suppose that the chief characteristic of a bee is to sting, because by proper care and handling the chance of being stung is very small. Examine the hives only during the warm part of the day when the bees are busy. Wear light colored clothing, as bees do not like black; and when looking at the combs, etc., be careful to avoid rapid or jerking movements.



Hives Wintering Outdoors.

WHO SHOULD KEEP BEES

In Manitoba we have a large number of men and women who are successful beekeepers; and there is room for many more, as it would be hard to find a place where a few colonies of bees would not yield a fair honey crop during an average year. Every farm could have a few hives and thus obtain one of the most delicious and healthy foods at a very small cost.

Professional men, merchants, tradesmen, poultrymen and market gardeners, whether situated in a small town or in the city, can keep bees with profit and pleasure.

BEE DISEASES

Bee disease is one of the problems that beekeepers in the U.S. and Ontario have to contend with. Fortunately for us in Manitoba, our bees are almost free from disease. American and European "Foul Brood" are the most harmful diseases of bees found on the American Continent. These two diseases are caused by germs that attack the hatching brood, killing it, and thus proving very harmful.

Spring chilling of brood sometimes is mistaken by beginners for foul brood. If, however, dead brood is found during the warm part of the summer, it would be wise to have your apiary inspected by the Government inspector.



Bee Trap.