

True, the average farmer with 100 acres cannot successfully handle a large apiary, but could very profitably handle a few colonies for his own use with very little extra labor if he had the proper knowledge of caring for them. Few farmers possess this, and with the scarcity of labor of recent years bees have been neglected, hence the failures referred to. The remedy for this is to send your son or daughter or go yourself to the short course at the O.A.C., and learn how to successfully handle them, and bee-keeping will prove not only a pleasure but a profitable business in a small way for many farmers.

I am sorry we have a few bee-keepers in Ontario who are afraid that the instructions given by the Department of Agriculture to encourage bee-keeping will result in over-production, and that they will be forced to take lower prices. Is it not the aim of the Government to encourage more production of a better quality all along the line? If we have bumper crops the consumer will gladly welcome a little decline in price.

FRUIT, POULTRY AND BEES

The following is the result of a year's operations by J. W. Clark, of Cainsville:

Detailed statement of the produce sold, which does not include the amount used by family during the year, and which is by no means a small amount.

Farm consists of twenty-five acres, but only five acres of this is in full bearing, and five acres is newly set out to fruit—pears, plums, cherries, apples, currants, gooseberries, and so forth. Some of these are just starting to bear, and others will begin to produce shortly.

The statement of produce sold during 1912:

(a) From five acres just beginning to bear:

Pears	\$70 00
Plums	35 00
Tomatoes	63 00
Grapes	85 00
Strawberries	75 00

Raspberries	85 00
Currants	25 00
Gooseberries	10 00

\$448 00

(b) Statement from five acres of apple orchard in which is kept poultry and bees:

Sold—	
900 bbls. apples, aver. \$2.50 per bbl.	\$2250 00
Early apples, retail.....	35 00
Winter apples, retail.....	25 00

Receipts

Cost—	
900 empty bbls. at 13c.....	\$387 00
Picking and packing at 25c	225 00
Fertilizer, 1500 lbs. steamed	
bone	22 50
1000 lbs. Potash.....	22 00
Manure, 30 loads once 3 yrs.	30 00
6 days spraying, \$8 per day	48 00
200 lbs. arsenate lead.....	734 50
6 bbls. lime sulphur, home-made	18 00
Cultivating and disking, 5 days	15 00
Pruning	50 00
Thinning	25 00
	\$ 859 00

Balance	\$1451 00
Honey sold, 3000 lbs. at 11c.....	\$ 330 00
Poultry sold, breeding stock.....	1800 00
Stock marketed.....	75 00
Eggs for hatching.....	650 00
Eggs for market.....	75 00

	\$4381 00
Allowing \$600 for poultry feed....	600 00
	\$3781 00

The balance of the farm of fifteen acres is used for growing hay, corn, potatoes, mangles, vegetables, pasture, and so forth. Three horses and three cows are kept on it.

SOME COMPLAINTS

Poplar, Ont., Jan. 27, 1913
I notice in January No. C.B.J. you ask to be informed where we had no acknowledgment of subscriptions, etc., sent in. Well, I sent my renewal some time during the summer of 1912, together with a photo of my bee yard. I received no acknowledgment, nor was the letter returned to me by the P.O.

417 Young Street,
Victoria, B.C., 29/1/13

McAlpine, Ont., Jan. 16, 1913
Editor C. B. Journal,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I notice you ask those who have sent money for the Journal and have not had an acknowledgment of same to write you. I sent a postal note for \$1.00 to renew my subscription for a year, and have not heard from you, so please see that my Journal is renewed. I sent it the last week of 1912, but don't remember the exact day.

Yours truly,
E. H. CLARE.