

And I now call your attention to the probable results from the storing of 1,000 pounds of honey, which means 7,000,000 loads carried by these insects, and if we multiply this by four, we have probably 28,000,000 visits to blossoms, carrying the life-giving pollen at each visit. Surely those who study this wonderful insect in all its workings with Nature will find

"Tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in bees, and God in everything."

RENEWED GRANT FOR CO- OPERATIVE SPRAYING

The Ontario Department of Agriculture is again offering a grant to any five or more farmers or fruit-growers in the Province who will unite to form a fruit-growers' association for the proper spraying of their orchards. We understand that \$6,000 is available for the purpose. There is no restriction this year as to the kind of machinery to be bought, as it was found that last year some of the best work was done with the large pumps, operated by hand-power, such as are now used at Simcoe and St. Catharines. Following is a copy of the regulations:

Regulations as to Coöperative Spraying

1. A grant will be made to any five or more farmers or fruit-growers who will unite to form a fruit-growers' association for the proper spraying of their orchards.

2. These grants will be distributed on the basis of so much per acre of efficient spraying, as determined by the inspection of the officials of this Department.

3. At least 25 acres of fruit must be thoroughly sprayed during the proper season by each association applying for a grant.

4. At least one acre of fruit must be sprayed on the farm of each of the parties subscribing to the above agreement.

5. Such associations, before receiving any portion of the grant, shall satisfy an inspector of the Department of Agriculture that the above conditions have been complied with. Such inspector shall have free access to the orchards throughout the season for this purpose.

6. Before the end of November a short report as to the results of the spraying and general crop conditions in the acreage covered shall be sent to the Department of Agriculture, on a form provided for that purpose.

7. No restriction as to the outfit to be purchased shall be made. It will pay to purchase the best equipment possible, as thorough work is absolutely necessary to success in spraying.

8. On request, the Department of Agriculture will, if possible, send a man well qualified in the preparation and application of the various spray mixtures to assist in starting the work or advise as to methods.

9. The grant will be payable on completion of the spraying season, and the receipt of a report from the inspector that the work has been carried out in accordance with above conditions.

10. Regularly organized coöperative fruit growers' associations will be given preference in the distribution of grants.

11. Where an association or member of an association has participated in the grants given during the previous year, such association or member thereof shall be entitled to receive a grant on the acreage previously taken into reckoning only one-half the amount given to newly organized associations.

12. All applications for consideration must be filed with the Department of Agriculture by June 1st.

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Minister of Agriculture

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