

"After these years of comparison of results between colonies worked for comb honey and those worked for extracted honey, we (the boys and I) have come to the conclusion that, after the yards are established, we can work three yards for extracted honey with the same labor that it requires to work one yard for comb honey, and harvest just as many dollars' worth of honey from each of the extracted yards."

Editor Hutchinson adds this:—

"Leonard Griggs, of this place, runs three apiaries, and has been producing both comb and extracted honey, and last fall he told me most emphatically that he was going to cut out comb honey, as he found that it cost him three times the labor, besides making a complication in the management."

Editor York adds this:—

"This should cause the man who has never tried producing anything but comb honey to do some thinking. It does not necessarily follow, however, that every bee-keeper can make three times as much with extracted as with comb. There are many intelligent bee-keepers who have had experience in producing both kinds of honey, who yet continue producing comb honey in part or wholly. They would hardly do so unless in their locality and under their conditions there was money in doing so. 'Let each man be fully assured in his own mind.'"

SPRAYING FRUIT TREES IN BLOOM ILLEGAL

We have been asked to publish the law against the spraying of fruit trees when in bloom. Below is a copy of the notice sent out by the Department of Agriculture, a number of which, we believe, are sent to all members of the O.B.K.A.:

WARNING !

Against Spraying Fruit Trees in Full Bloom

The Ontario Bee-keepers' Association desire to draw the attention of the public to the fact that a number of members suffer from persons spraying fruit trees in full bloom, their bees being killed from

the poison in the spraying mixture. This practice is prohibited by an Act of Parliament assented to in 1892, the provisions of which are as follows:

- (1) No person in spraying or sprinkling fruit trees during the period within which such trees are in full bloom shall use, or cause to be used, any mixture containing PARIS GREEN or any other poisonous substance injurious to bees.
- (2) Any person contravening the provisions of this Act shall, on summary conviction thereof, before a Justice of the Peace, be subject to a penalty of not less than \$1.00 or more than \$5.00, with or without costs of prosecution, and in case of a fine or a fine and costs being awarded, and of the same not being upon conviction forthwith paid, the Justice may commit the offender to the common gaol, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

The best fruit growers consider spraying, during the period of full bloom, as a useless waste of material, and harmful to the setting of fruit. It is universally condemned by entomologists in every part of America. The recommended formulas as sent out by both the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture state distinctly to spray apple orchards with Bordeaux and Paris Green: (1) Just as leaf buds are expanding; (2) just before blossoms open; (3) just after blossoms fall; (4) every ten days later if required.

Bee-keepers and fruit growers are both urged to see that this harmful practice is stopped.

It is hoped that the law will not have to be applied, as most persons are unaware of the harm that they do themselves as well as the bee-keepers.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association.

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