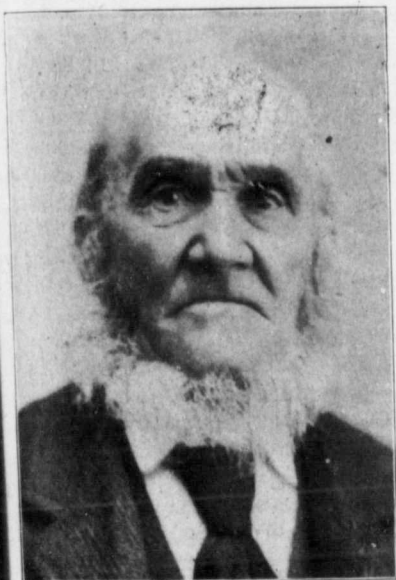


**MR. ROBERT COVERDALE DEAD.**

Another of our bee-keeping friends passed away recently in the person of Mr. Robert Coverdale, of Cayuga, at the good old age of 83 years, and who for over 60 of these kept bees more or less extensively. Our aged friend was very industrious, of a bright, cheerful disposition, and an earnest Christian. We repeat the brief story of his bee-keeping experiences, as he gave it to us a few years ago:

**MR. ROBERT COVERDALE.**

"I was born near Whitby, Yorkshire, England, in the year 1824. My father, who was a weaver by trade, emigrated to this country when I was seven years of age and first settled in the township of Nelson, Halton county. I can remember my father keeping bees in England in the old fashioned straw hives. I bought a hive of bees for my father from a Mr. Lagdon, in Nelson, near Lawville, about the year 1845. A friend and I brought them to my fa-

ther's place—about ten miles distant—on horse-back, a sheet tied around the old box hive, and a pole put through to carry it by.

"I moved with my father to near what is now called the village of Canfield, in the township of North Cayuga; in the year 1848, and commenced to hew out a home from the surrounding forest for myself soon after I arrived.

"I commenced to keep bees for myself in 1851. I now have in my apiary about 83 hives, which are descendants of the bees I carried on horseback in Nelson about 1845.

"I have been very successful in the business, as I never suffered a total loss of my bees in that long time. I abandoned the old box hive for the better rack hive about 20 years ago.

"I have been a subscriber to the Canadian Bee Journal since its first publication and would very much recommend it to bee-keepers."

Mr. Coverdale will be much missed in his family and in the community, where he has been so long and favorably known.

We are in receipt of the following message from the Secretary of the Central Canada Exhibition Association:

"Ottawa, Aug. 9.

"We desire to inform you that the fire which destroyed the grand-stand at our exhibition grounds, and also the Experimental Farm Building and damaged the Ladies' Building, will not affect the Fair, Sept. 13th to 21st. Already work has been started on a grand-stand that will provide sufficient accommodation for all. The Ladies' Building is being repaired, and the Experimental Farm exhibit will be placed in Horticultural Hall. We are putting forth every effort to make this the most successful Fair in every respect in the history of Ottawa, and we are sanguine that our work will be duly appreciated."