

us to believe that it could be made, with a little judicious sowing of honey plants and clover, to yield a very large return and as you say your bees commenced to gather pollen in February, it was the last of April before ours gathered any here in Ontario, in fact the weather has been so unfavorable, that very little has been gathered yet. We have no doubt but the "bull-fir" would be a good honey producer, we saw limbs of trees, which if we remember right, came from Mexico or Texas, the leaves were so covered with a sugary substance, that it was impossible to see the leaves, you would think they had been dipped in sugar syrup and allowed to crystallize. Should you find any of these specimens, we would be pleased to have some forwarded to Ontario, and if you could get a quantity of them, I have no doubt the C. P. R. would bring them through free providing you could give them a few. We shall be pleased to hear from you as often as possible as we are very anxious to learn all particulars in reference to that country.

Questions

Will you please answer these questions for me :—1. What kind of bees would you advise a new beginner to purchase?

2. What style of hive?

3. Will they do well up here in Northern Muskoka?

Truly yours.

JOE. WOODS.

1. The Italian or a cross between the Italian and Carniolan will give you very good results; a little Syrian when properly bred mixed in with them makes them more active but it is a mistake to imagine, that some particular kind of bee has such wonderful advantages over others, that you should go to any great expense to procure them, the ordinary bees of our country, that are fairly well bred will give you good results.

2. If you wish to take comb honey exclusively we would advise you to use the Combination hive, it is a great favorite with many and is becoming popular for both comb and extracted honey.

3. There are many in Muskoka who are doing well in bee-keeping. R. H. Smith of Bracebridge we believe has given up his farm and gone into bee-keeping on a larger scale. Mr. Schulz of Kilworthy has taken over 300 pounds from a single colony in one season. We think there are very few localities in Muskoka that would not give good results when properly managed. When the first prize for the finest display of honey was awarded to Muskoka last year to Mr. R. H. Smith, surely that ought to be encouragement for others to embark in the same business in that direction.

Report Of The Weather For May 1891.

1. Beautiful day.
2. Sprinkled rain in afternoon.
3. Cold and windy.
4. Cold and windy.
5. Cold, snow to-day.
6. Cold.
7. A little warmer,
8. Warm.
9. Hot.
10. Hot, rained in evening.
11. Cool air.
12. Strong Sun to-day.
13. Cool.
14. Cool.
15. Warmer, rained in evening.
16. Cold and windy.
17. Cold.
18. Getting warmer.
19. Air cool in morn.' and eve'.
20. Hot. Sultry.
21. Warm,—Rain cloud—thunder and lightning.
22. Cool.
23. Cold.
24. Little warmer. Pleasant day.
25. Warm. A few spits of rain.
26. Cooler to-day.
27. Cold.
28. Nice day.
29. Warm, almost hot.
30. Warm enough to be pleasant.
31. Hot. Hot.

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