

Do Not Neglect The Bees

(EXPERIMENTAL FARMS NOTE)

The present high price of sugar reminds us that Canada produces natural sugars that are still more valuable than the product of the refineries. Fortunate are those who not only possess bees at this time, but understand them and have supplied their needs.

The early spring months are the most critical period of the year in the life of the bee colony. At the same time, the pressure of spring work of cultivating, seeding, etc. on every fine day on the farm too often leaves the bees forgotten.

There are several reasons why the bees are more liable to be neglected than other things on the farm. Hidden away in their hives they do not require daily feeding like other animals. Such attention as they need is in the nature of a surgical operation, and the opening of the hive is not always anticipated with pleasure on account of the risk of receiving stings. Yet, on many farms, the bees have been found to pay better than anything else, considering the small amount of capital and labour expended.

The principal danger to avoid at this time of year is starvation. If each colony went into the winter strong, with a good fertile queen and a plentiful supply of stores in the combs, the first examination of the hive had better be deferred until the weather is warm and nectar is being gathered. But if the stores are running short, a cake of bee candy or a

comb of honey laid over the combs if the bees are still in the cellar, or, if spring is opening, a superficial examination of the hives on the first favourable day, combs of honey from heavy hives being then given to those that are light, may save the loss of colonies and increase the value of the honey crop by many dollars.

A bulletin on the care of bees may be obtained on application to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

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Spring Weather Hard on Baby

The Canadian Spring weather—one day mild and bright; the next raw and blustery is extremely hard on the baby. Conditions are such that the mother cannot take the little one out for the fresh air so much to be desired. He is confined to the house, which is often over-heated and badly ventilated. He catches cold; his little stomach and bowels become disordered and the mother soon has a sick baby to look after. To prevent this an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets should be given. They regulate the stomach and bowels, thus preventing or relieving colds, simple fevers, colic or any other of the many minor ills of childhood. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

In Canada farm lands have increased \$14 per acre, or about 36.8 per cent.

Hunted.

I hated him because he had a dwelling
And kept a maid and swanked in sinful pride.

While I, in agony beyond all telling,
Sought vainly for a shelter, far and wide.

He bore my woes in philosophic fashion,
Bidding me smile when absolutely beat.

Raising within my heart a murderous passion;

Also he taught me that revenge is sweet.

Then, on a day, I set afloat the rumor

That jolted him from out his selfish groove.

An inspiration of sardonic humor

Put forth the lie. 'He is about to move.'

Straightway there came prospective tenants flocking

In numbers more than human tongue can tell.

His brain was maddened by their frenzied knocking;

His soul was sickened by the ceaseless bell,

Around his home a hungry crowd there mutters

Of gaunt house-hunters frenzied with despair.

In vain he draws the blinds and shuts the shutters,

I whisper in their ears that he is there.

Well has the simple tale repaid the teller.

For he who dared to mock my bitter pain

Now spends the hours of daylight in the cellar,

Nor will he dare to swank with me again.

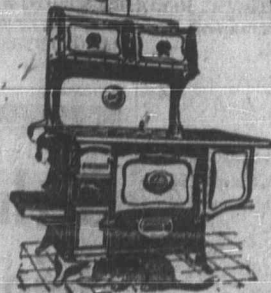
Canada is now the world's second largest producer of paper. Last year this country produced over 750,000 tons of newsprint, of which 80 per cent. was exported to the United States, and some 5 per cent. to other countries. Only 15 per cent. of the paper produced in Canada is consumed at home. If the present rate of production keeps up, Canada will shortly pass the United States.

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