

such legislation as we were seeking. Not only was spraying trees while in bloom poisonous to the bees, but it was injurious to the trees.

I next addressed Prof. Pantou, of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, whose chair of Natural History would include Entomology. Prof. Pantou agreed with Prof. Fletcher that the spraying should not be done while the trees are in bloom, but just after the petals fall, in order to destroy the codling moth, etc.

We, the Deputation, met the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, in Toronto, on 2nd March, by appointment, and placed the whole matter before him—evidence that the bees had been poisoned in the manner complained of—the scientific authorities as to the utility and proper times to spray—the injury sustained by the tree when sprayed while in bloom, etc.

As a result, the Minister of Agriculture was convinced of the facts, and of the necessity of such legislation as we suggested, making the spraying, sprinkling, or otherwise applying solutions of poison to fruit trees while in bloom a penal offence; and promised to get an Act through the present session of the Legislature to that effect.

Fruit-growers, bee-keepers and all others concerned, may, therefore, take notice that it will be illegal to spray or sprinkle fruit trees with poison while in bloom; and that the proper time to spray to destroy the codling moth, etc. is after bloom when the petals have fallen. The proper solution for this purpose is one pound of good Paris green to two hundred gallons of water.

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An Open Letter to Bee-Keepers

DEAR SIR,—You are cordially invited to become a member of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, and, I think, ought to become one for the following reasons, viz: In the first place "in union there is strength," and "in the midst of council there is wisdom." Men acting together can readily accomplish what individuals acting alone find it impossible to do; and heads acting together will develop higher and better ideas than the single brain can do. The principal reason to you why you should join this society is that it will be to your advantage to do so. Not only intellectually but financially. Through the instrumentality of the Association, an Act was obtained from the Ontario Government for the Suppression of Foul Brood among bees, which is doubtless the very best of its kind in the world, and under which very much has been done the past two years in suppressing that pest in this Province.

You cannot tell when you may require the friendly and valuable services of the Foul Brood Inspector, which may save you from much loss. Every member of the Association gets a present each year from the Society, which is equal in value to the membership fee of one dollar. This year each member gets the Canadian Bee Journal for one year. Or should you prefer the premium given by us last year to members in place of the Journal, some of them are still on hand and will be sent out to such as prefer them, as long as they last. Last year's premium was Mr. Cowan's recent work on "The Honey Bee, its Natural History, Anatomy, and Physiology."

In addition to all this each member of the Society gets a copy of the Annual Report, printed by the Government containing the proceedings of the Annual Convention, the papers read there, discussions, reports, etc., etc.

Should you decide to join the Association (which we hope you will do) please send to my address one dollar in registered letter or P. O. O. when your name will be placed on the roll, and either the Journal or book sent you, as you may elect.

Yours truly,

W COUSE,

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Available.

Mr. Editor, - If this item is "available", will you kindly give me space for a reply to friend McKnight's item on page 836? You challenge me, friend M., to have a dictionary in which my definition of "available" may be found. If you will kindly look again at my note, you will see that I did not intimate that it was to be found in any dictionary. Indeed, from the words I used, I think almost any one would understand that I thought it was not. I said that in any common dictionary might be found a definition that would make Mr. Root's statement all right," and then added "Moreover, it seems strange that McKnight is not familiar enough with newspaper terms to know that the word "available" is a word constantly used to mean: "For reasons satisfactory to ourselves we do not think it desirable to publish." Don't you see, that, following the "Moreover," it's as much as to say, "And besides the dictionary definition it's a word constantly in use in publishing offices with this particular meaning?"

Whatever a back number of Current Literature may scoff at, I think you will find the term in common use by many if not all the leading literary journals, and I suspect the latter