

where the sick bees were the most numerous, but all the brood was perfectly healthy. As I have had no experience with poison from spraying, do not know whether brood in the larval state is injured or not. Would think, however, that such would be the case; if wrong in my views, will some one please correct, and at the same time throw some light on the probable cause of our bees dying, as has been stated.

Alfalfa as a Honey Plant.

Another interesting item in August "Canadian Bee Journal" is the statement of Mr. Adams that alfalfa yields nectar in the vicinity of Brantford. No matter what the weather conditions are here, don't think I have ever noticed a bee on alfalfa, although I have looked many a time. Possibly the soil of "Bow Park" has been inoculated with the bacteria which scientists tell us are necessary to insure best results with alfalfa. Guess we will have to call on friend Adams for some inoculated soil to "fix up" our localities that are not so fortunate. After second thought, Mr. Editor, perhaps we had better call off the deal, as Mr. Adams is, I surmise, a pretty busy man, and might feel inclined to "inoculate" our heads with something more substantial than "bacteria" for venturing to propose such a plan.

Buckwheat in York County.

At last we here in York county know what buckwheat honey looks and "smells" like. At the Cashel apiary, where it has been, the joke to assume that the bees would not know a field of buckwheat if they saw one, the clover honey was taken off about two weeks ago. As in other years, the combs were nearly all stored away in the large moth-proof box I have spoken of before. While I knew there was a small acreage of buckwheat near the yard this year for the first time, I thought if the bees secure enough for

fall use that would be all, particularly as my large hives had very little in the brood nests. On Monday, August 20th, we went to the yard, and what a sight! Every hive was simply jammed with honey in the brood-nest. A number of the strong colonies had one or two combs in the supers. These were filled with honey, and in many cases combs were being started from the quilts. There was nothing to do but to open that big box and hustle about 400 combs back into the supers. With the thermometer 90 in the shade, can assure you we got a bleaching; nevertheless it was work enjoyed as much as anything I ever did. The same conditions prevail at the other yards, and to say I feel pleased is putting it mildly. Let some of you "100-lbs.-to-the-colony-from-buckwheat" fellows should smile at my enthusiasm, let me say that other years we get no buckwheat honey and generally have to feed a lot for winter stores. This year, with practically no clover honey and a possible \$200.00 sugar bill to face, things looked not too assuring. Now no "feeding" is an assured fact, to say nothing of a neat little surplus of "molasses." and—well, we feel thankful for small mercies.

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AUSTRALIAN HONEY.

An English correspondent writes that Australian honey is being sold in one of the monster London stores at 9d. and 1s. 3d. per pound bottle, and 10d. and 1s. 4d. per pound section, while in Australia the bee-keepers get only 2½d. per pound. Our friends who sell at 2½d. should look up affairs in London.—Irish Bee Journal.

The man who is never quite sure "thinks, perhaps," "imagines," "guesses," or "presumes," is no man to trust. His foundations are built on sand,

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