

actually produce much surplus honey?

Mr. Chrysler: No sir, it does not.

Mr. Couse: Yes, it does.

Mr. McEvoy: Sometimes it does, a good deal.

Mr. Chrysler: My experience has been that take it in the last fifteen years it has been a detriment to us, yielding honey sparingly for a great many years. Just keeping the queen laying and breeding all the honey out, and in the fall we won't have enough. We would have to feed for the winter more than if we hadn't had it. Although this year there has been a surplus gained from it, and one or two years previous to this, taking one year with another, I wouldn't give a fig for it; besides it has damaged my trade if I should neglect to keep it separate.

Mr. Couse: I said yes. I never had much experience in getting a surplus. The simple reason was because we hadn't enough sweet clover. I didn't know exactly what it was until this season, I believed I did. I had an idea that sweet clover had a greenish tinge and I thought I understood the aroma from it. I went to Buffalo and Mr. Hershier showed me honey and I smelled it and I said, what is that? I said if I am right that is sweet clover honey? He said, why yes, it is; that is just exactly what it is. I said do you get much of it? He says yes, that is what we are getting. We have taken all these sections and all this extracted honey from it. That was sweet clover, and he got a large surplus.

Mr. Hall: He had a large field of it.

Mr. Couse: Yes, all around the city of Buffalo. And I understand Chicago is the same way; they get all their honey from sweet clover.

That is the reason Pirie is going to Muskoka.

Mr. Hall: We have not the quality of sweet clover Mr. Couse is talking about them having in Buffalo and Chicago, but some foolish person has scattered some sweet clover both north, east and south of the city of Woodstock that is a perfect curse to me. First they gave me the curse of sowing it. The only benefit I can see that we derive from it is it amuses the bees and keeps them from the stores and from the ladies when they are doing their preserving, but it is a curse to us; there is just sufficient honey in it to keep the queen laying and raising brood, and at the end of the sweet clover bloom they are lighter. We haven't much of it but I certainly wish we had less.

Mr. Evans: That is my idea of it. Not far from me on the flats of the Humber there are probably ten acres of sweet clover. I took a dozen hives of bees there some years ago and they didn't increase five pounds in weight

Curing Vicious Bees.

The following incident may be of some use to some of your numerous readers who are troubled with vicious bees. It will undoubtedly amuse many who are bee-keepers, if you consider it worth publishing. In June last I called upon a bee-keeper whose bees, especially those belonging to one hive, were in a most furious state, and had been so for some days. As I approached the hive in question, I was at once surrounded by bees, whose well-known "note" could not be misunderstood. They meant, evidently, "a fight to the finish," and as the assertion of the good housewife, who said with special emphasis, "They are positively dangerous," was only too true

reali
publ
gard
short
and
"sca
the
positi
being
with
ure.
not a
on At
"You
and c
ered t
the ba
which
we ha
going
SOLE,

Visit

Ed. C.

I mu
surpris
ne on t
displa
live, to
ed speci
the hon
the flora
now, I
visitors,
the wom
steners
owan, I
ee-keep
an enthu
moment i
experien
such v
that pert
Mr. Co
terestin
our Na