

MR. BURMAN. I would like to ask another question. We have some poisonous flowers here. Would Mr. Bedford or another who understands this think this would be likely to affect the honey. I would think that the flowers of such plants as the poison ivy would be likely to do this.

MR. BEDFORD. I think not. Of course there are a great many plants that bees will not feed on and we can leave it to their instincts to choose their food.

*Question.* How many pounds do you get from your bees?

MR. DUNCAN. About 30 pounds this year but I have got as much as 100 lbs. from a colony.

MR. BEDFORD. How far is your place from here?

MR. DUNCAN. About fifty miles South.

*Question.* Where do you winter them? In the cellar? Have you tried them outside and if so how does it work?

MR. DUNCAN. In coming here I did not intend to have anything to say from the fact that I do not speak in public. I have had bees for about fourteen years. The first time I got bees it was simply to try if they would live in this country, as I had heard from authorities that they would not live in Manitoba. I came across some parts where there were vast quantities of flowers and that made me certain that bees would do well here. I found out those who had bees in the Province and purchased a colony. The first year I had them I was not home to attend to them. In the fall as an experiment I put them in the scrub and covered them with dry leaves, then put boards around them and piled in between the boards and the hives with straw. Six years ago I purchased another hive with the intention of keeping bees and during all the time I have kept bees I have not lost more than seven hives. I have had them in the cellar and in the house and they do well either place providing there is proper ventilation, especially if there is moisture. I kept them in the cellar until they became too numerous, and then I built a little house on purpose. I find this year that they are in good condition.

*Question.* How did you build your house?

MR. DUNCAN. Well, about four feet in a bank. I put stone around the bottom and had it about seven feet high. I think bees can be kept profitably provided those keeping them know anything about them. As your bees increase your knowledge of them will also increase.

MR. E. F. STEPHENSON. I may say for the information of any here who may have thought of trying bees, that I got a colony two years ago and the first year I took out 28 pounds of honey and I think there must have been, by the weight of the hive, 40 or 50 pounds left. I put