

membership bonus by their paying twenty-five cents over their membership fee, the Association making good the balance of the subscription.

In the case of a member being also a member of the Ontario Association and already receiving the Canadian Journal a choice of American Journals was provided.

It was decided on motion to affiliate with the Ontario Association, the usual fee to be paid out of the funds of the Association, the Association having the requisite number of members already members of the Provincial Association.

Discussing the prospective Fruit, Honey and Flower Show to be held in Toronto next fall and the advantages of having County competition as well as individual it was recommended that in order to encourage competition between counties that a silver and bronze medal be offered for the best County display of honey and bees-wax at the coming Fruit, Honey and flower Show to be held at Toronto, and that the prize list be so arranged that the honey and bees-wax so entered may also be entered by the individual exhibitors to compete in other prizes, along the same lines as are followed in Great Britain, that copies of this recommendation be sent to the President and Secretary of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association.

CROPS IN ONTARIO

A Circular from the Department of Agriculture reports the following among other Agricultural conditions on May 16 th.

FRUIT TREES

The severity of the winter told somewhat against fruit trees, more especially peaches, plums and cherries, but the injury from frost was not so serious as was at one time expected. Pears and apples suffered least from the cold weather, but these, and indeed nearly all classes of young

fruit trees, sustained much injury from girdling by mice, reports regarding the presence in orchards of these vermin coming from nearly every county in Western Ontario, and from several countries in the east. Complaints have also been received concerning the San Jose Scale, one correspondent giving serious warning of the inevitable evil results attending neglect of attention to this enemy. Fruit trees are about ten days later than usual in blossoming, and this prevents correspondents from speaking with assurance as to the prospects of fruit, although some very hopeful reports have been received. Raspberries and strawberries are described as being badly winter-killed in places, and will hardly be up to the mark.

CLOVER

The condition of clover may be thus briefly described: In the eastern half of the Province the crop is from fair to good, and in some sections very good; in the western half it is from good to very poor. The most favorable reports come from the counties stretching from Lincoln and Welland, along the Lake Erie front, to Lambton and Huron in many parts of which the crop is an absolute failure. The greater part of the injury to clover was done by ice lying for a length of time on flat or low-lying fields. Most of the loss has occurred with old fields, the more freshly seeded fields almost invariably turning out well. The rains prevailing about the middle of May have given the crop a good start for the season.

Smoker Fuel

If anything that is intended for the smoker is soaked in water in which a little saltpetre is dissolved, and then dried, there will be no trouble in keeping the smoker alight.
—British Bee Journal.