

swarms and increased to fifteen, but I did not take more than 140 lbs of honey, so they had plenty of stores for the winter. All went well that winter except that one lost its queen in May. I increased to 32 the next summer. Owing to poor crops of honey last year I doubled up in the fall to 26 swarms. I lost eight by mice and lack of stores. Now, I would like to ask you a few questions:

I am living in the village. There are several persons here who are opposed to bee-keeping, and have threatened to poison my bees by mixing Paris green in something that will draw bees. What would you advise me to do in this case? Can they compel me to take my bees out of the village. My stands are something over 100 feet from the road or next house. Is there any law concerning distance of hives from houses or roads? If so, would you kindly let me know.

Yours truly,

THOS. KLIPPERT.

Elmwood, P. O.

We do not know of any law forbidding bees to be kept in a village. The law allows a person to keep anything that is not a nuisance. There is a law against nuisances, which we do not consider affects you, as bees are certainly not a nuisance, but a benefit. It must be some personal matter, for we don't see how they can be deemed a nuisance that distance from the road. We have for years kept from 100 to 500 colonies, some not 20 feet from the road, and we do not recollect one case of stinging to either persons or horses. In your case our advice would be, bring these parties into the yard, talk to them in a friendly manner, explain to them the value bees are for fertilizing flowers and especially fruit bloom, give as an illustration the result of importing bees in India, and the benefits derived from the fertilizing of the clover. The people of that country are now enabled to export large quantities of seed, whereas they had, formerly, to import every bit of seed they sowed. Many of our horticulturists and botanists would be glad to assist you with such information as should be convincing to your neighbors. Perhaps those possessed of such a disposition would be more easily approached by presenting them, or their children, with a can of nice honey, with your compliments. You can catch more flies with molasses than with

vinegar! We might add that if you could prove that any one put out Paris green in order to poison your bees, they would be liable to an action at law, the same as if they killed any of your stock, and they would have to pay the penalty. The chief difficulty, however, would be to prove that they were your bees. While you might be thoroughly convinced of the fact, it would be difficult to swear that a dead bee which you found about their poisoned dish was yours, or that your bees went there and got the poison, and came home again. Of course, by taking a little pulverized red chalk, flour, or any kind of coloring, and dusting the bees a little with this, you might watch them, if you would stand by the dish when they came, or you might dust it over them while they were eating and watch them return. It would be difficult to prove your case, however. So the easiest way to get along with such people is to conciliate them. We would not advise law, but would remove our bees first. We might mention that we have a high board fence around our bee-yard, which necessitates the bees rising above it, thus elevating them over the heads of the people passing on the sidewalk. In some of our out apiaries, where we had a large number of colonies, we never allowed them to be very close to the road, but in driving to and from the apiary we have sometimes found the bees bother our horses, when about 10 or 15 rods from the yard, especially when the wind was blowing and large numbers of bees were lying low on the ground, in order to make better progress against the wind.

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