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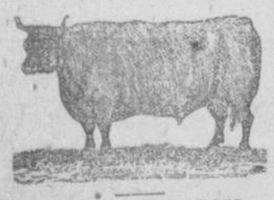

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COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS.

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FORFAR.

MONDAY, Oct. 24.—The trustees intend building a fence around the school yard. This has been needed for years and will add greatly to the appearance of the ground.

Forfar Division of the Sons of Temperance has not met for some time. We hope that the division will not break up as some of the neighboring divisions have.

Farmers are threshing and they report the grain not turning out as well as last year.

The potato rot is complained of here as well as in many other sections. Very few farmers have enough potatoes for their own use.

OAK LEAF.

SATURDAY, Oct. 22.—A new vault is now under way at Trinity Church. Mr. Taber, Morton, has the stonework. The committee expect to have it up in three weeks.

The jurymen at the assizes, from this part were Mr. R. J. Green and Mr. Geo. E. Godkin.

The assembly held in the hall Friday evening proved to be an unqualified success. A large and select crowd tripped the light fantastic to music furnished by Messrs. LaPointe, of Addison, and Warren of Lyndhurst. An intermission was taken about midnight, during which an excellent supper was prepared. The committee are to be congratulated.

Farmers are wearing very broad grins, caused by the root crop. It is excellent.

Mr. Geo. Johnson, has bought a sulky plow, and Jimmy knows how to use it—you bet.

DELTA.

MONDAY, Oct. 24.—The leaves are falling off and are scattered on the streets.

Wm. Humphries has returned home after the cheese making in Quebec. We are glad to see him. He is looking well.

Levi Soper and Luther Washburn returned home from the North West. The former purchased a farm and intends to move there next spring.

Noah Parish and Clate Copeland are practicing with their rifles and killing birds, early in the mornings on the street.

Mrs. Margaret Shepherd lectured against Roman Catholicism in the Methodist Church last Wednesday and Thursday. She was from Boston, Mass.

A small shipment of cheese left the B. & W. station last Friday.

Mrs. Curtis has gone on a visit to relatives and friends and intends staying for a few weeks.

The farmers are making good use of the fine weather. Some of them have nearly completed their fall ploughing, while others are busy gathering in their apples which with many are a splendid crop.

The farmers are husking their corn and report a good crop.

Howard Stevens, telegraph operator of Carleton Place, visited his parents here and returned last week. He is operator at the C. P. R. station.

Melvin Day purchased a Clydesale horse at the Toronto fair.

FRONT OF YONGE.

MONDAY, Oct. 24.—Mr. M. J. Connolly, of Caintown, has erected a very convenient cow barn this fall. Farmers should see it before building.

We met the dummy of Hungry Hill last week on his way home from the country where he had picked up two fine looking young ladies, and some children. The whole struck us very forcibly as being a fresh air party from New York.

The entire crop of apples in some parts of the west have been shipped to England. Farmers should look to the balance of their crop for this year.

Christopher Tennant, of Junetown, is the champion coon hunter of Ontario.

Mr. Culbert, the accommodating mail carrier between Athens and Mallorytown, is doing a very satisfactory business in passengers and freight.

Mrs. Knowlton of Athens is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David Tennant, of Caintown.

Mr. Thomas Scott, of Mallorytown, has been visiting at the residence of Mr. Isaiah Griffin, Caintown.

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Holiness Convention.

In the Rideau Record's report of the holiness convention recently held at Smith's Falls, Rev. Dr. Saunders is credited with saying: I can conceive also of people, by certain lines of action, working themselves up to a point of frenzy and thus losing control of mind and body. I can even conceive of some possessing great hypnotic power, using that power to bring others under their control, as is often done for medical purposes and may be done perhaps unconsciously for religious purposes, but this is not religion and has no connection with it. It is a weakness rather than something to glory in and should be prayerfully and carefully avoided lest "our God be evil spoken of." For true religion "does not behave itself unseemly."

SPRING MANAGEMENT OF BEES.

Papers Read at the Bee Keepers' Convention Held in Athens.

In preparing an article on the spring management of the apiary, I certainly feel my inability to do full justice to this interesting part of apiculture. I trust, therefore, you will overlook any apparent attempt on my part at claiming a full knowledge of the same, but I write with a confident hope that, however weak my endeavors may be or deficient my dictation, I at least may write something which I hope may not fail to edify you.

I may as well state here that much of my information has been received from my own personal experience and the perusal of various bee periodicals and from conversation with friendly bee keepers.

While much depends on the condition of the colonies in the fall and successful wintering to make spring management a success, I will now proceed with the result of my experience, combined with the information received as already stated, under the following points:

1. Fall Preparation.
2. Wintering.
3. Spring Management.

1st—Fall Preparation.—In the month of October I examine every colony and see that they are strong, taking off super, or half-storey, and four frames out of back part of hive; put in a division-board and weigh the hive and contents, and if they have not the standard weight of stores, I add whatever is deficient, close the entrance to half an inch by drawing the miller blocks together, cover warm, and they are ready for winter quarters.

2nd—Wintering.—I put my bees into winter quarters in the month of November. Their house is 10x24, sheeted inside with cedar. I spread over the floor about four inches of dry chaff, set my hives without bottom boards across two 2x4 scantlings, give them one ventilator to bring in fresh air and five ventilators to take out impure air. The ventilation is so arranged that the thermometer varied only 10 degrees from November to April. By keeping the temperature so even I do not think they consume so much of their stores as they would otherwise.

3rd—Spring Management.—About the first attention given my bees in spring is after the weather becomes warm and affects the temperature in the bee hall, the thermometer rising to about fifty degrees above zero, and there is a prospect that the bees can gather pollen.

On a warm morning I commence setting the hives out on their summer stands and I place them each on the same stands as before, my hives and stands bearing corresponding numbers. On the first day I set out only nine or ten hives—let them have a cleansing flight, examine their condition as regards stores and bees, close the entrance to half an inch, draw up the division board, if needed, and cover warm. Early the following morning I close up the entrance of those that had their flight, then set out nine or ten more, let them have their flight, examine as before stated, and in the middle of the afternoon I open the entrance of those closed and let them have another flight. Early next morning I close the entrance of all out and set out nine or ten more, and pursue this course until all are out on their summer stands, being careful from the commencement to the end in handling them easy, and not allow any old comb in the yard that the bees can have access to. On the third day, if fine, after all are on their summer stands, I take my smoker, pencil and book in which I have all my colonies registered and make a clear examination of each hive, entering the results of such examination opposite a corresponding number in the book. This is to say, No. 10 is very strong—that is entered in the book, consequently No. 10 needs no more looking after until it wants the four frames that were taken out in the fall preparations. No. 15 is strong, but short of stores, consequently I would have to visit No. 15 two or three times before it required its four frames. No. 23 is weak, but has plenty of stores; No. 20 I have daily to look after lest the strong would rob the weak—and so on through the whole examination. After the examination I recapitulate my books, I find so many strong which need no more care, only giving them the frames as stated before, also find so many strong, but short of stores, of which I know how and when to feed and I also find so many weak but with lots of stores; these I have to protect from the strong. At this juncture there may be a reaction in the weather and become cold, the nectar may cease to flow, the pollen may not come forth, and the bee goes out in search of both nectar and pollen and finds none for his young. He returns with a full determination to go to his neighbors and ask to share; if refused, war is declared immediately and robbery commences. The bee-keeper then has lots to do to protect the weak against the strong. In such cases I have closed the entrance so only one bee could enter, and I have also put the hive attacked into the winter quarters for two or three days, and I have put hay over the hive attacked and wet the hay with water. Those plans worked very well, but in a good many cases failed. The plan I use now works very successfully. It is this: My honey hall, or extracting room, is built in the centre of my bee yard. It is 18 ft. square with a window in each side. My bees set around this honey hall with the entrance of each facing one of those windows. The windows can be opened from the inside or the outside and are covered with a fine wire screen. When I see an attempt at robbing I go inside of honey hall and open the windows. The order of the honey passes through the wire screenage. Master robber immediately takes the scent and repairs to the windows, dashes against the screen, and makes a great noise. Directly he has plenty of accomplices which leave the hive attacked and join in the melee against the wire. They fire away, shot and shell, until tired out, so tired they have to retreat, not able to re-attack the hive they left, but go home unhonored and without any booty. They could smell and see the honey but could get none.

The next thing in spring management is to know how to handle spring dwindle. I cannot say how to do it, or what its cause is. Sometimes in my experience I thought it was caused by taking them out of their winter quarters, where the temperature was so even, into an uneven temperature. I have had colonies become depopulated, leaving plenty of stores and brood, both capped and uncapped, in their hives. I kept a close watch of their movements and saw them crawl around on the bottom board and rub themselves and crawl out of the hive and die. Their hive appeared clean and their stores healthy. I have read about the bee mite in Cook's "Manual of the Apiary," and it might be the cause. He says: "During the past spring a lady bee-keeper of Connecticut discovered these mites in her hive while investigating to learn the cause of their rapid depletion. She had noticed that the colonies were greatly reduced in number of bees, and upon closer observation she found that the diseased or failing colonies were covered with these mites. The strong and prosperous colonies were exempt from the annoyance. So small are these little pests that a score could take possession of a single bee, and not be near neighbors either. The lady states that the bees roll and scratch in their vain attempts to rid themselves of these annoying tick-tights, and finally, worried out, either fall to the bottom of the hive or go forth to die outside."

I would like to say something on swarming but I must bring my essay to a close by saying that the essence of all profitable bee-keeping is to keep all colonies strong, which is the Golden Rule. If you cannot succeed in doing this, the more money you invest in bees the heavier will be your losses; while if your stocks are strong, you will show that you are a bee-master as well as a bee-keeper, and may safely calculate on a generous return from your industrious subjects.

At this convention, my dear brother bee-keepers, let us remember that unity is strength; that in the strength of its deposits the "Bank of Human Friendship" is invincible, and the assets are greatly augmented when good men and true invest largely in its capital stock. Were mankind to cease to aid each other, the race would soon perish. From the moment of our advent into this world until some kind hand wipes the death-damp from our brow, we need assistance and friendly help, and none can be guiltless who refuses.

"Do you ask for the name
Of this genius whose fame
Through the civilized world doth abound?
It is Friendship pure
Whose worth will endure
Until the last trumpet shall sound."

FRED'K L. MOORE, Addison.

QUERY.—If colonies have abundance of good food (all of 30 lbs. on going into winter quarters), a good, vigorous queen from the 1st of August, to ensure a strong, healthy colony, and a dry, warm cellar for winter in, one need have but little anxiety as to the spring. Where these conditions exist, most colonies will come through in such shape that the let-alone plan will give the best results. As a matter of fact, they don't always exist, and so spring finds us with some weaklings. These should be crowded on to as few combs as they will cover, in the south side or end of the hive, with a division board, and wrapped up warm. How to carry this handful of bees through the next three weeks is the problem.

After vexatious losses in helping the weak from the strong, by exchanging colonies when taking their first flight, I have decided that (unless the queen is very valuable) a colony that cannot get through without help had better be let go under. I much prefer this course, rather than run the risk of losing both. Should the weak ones hold out, after they have been duly cared for, till young bees are hatching freely, the case is different, and we can then draw moderately from the strong with good results, if working for extracted honey, or working for comb honey, the case is different, as we must have bees to build comb (like more the better), and I then help the weakest from the middle frame, keeping those for queen rearing, comb building, (I only use starters of foundation), or extracted honey.

With colonies that have wintered well, abundance of stores is of first importance. With weak colonies, heat is most important; that brood rearing may progress as rapidly as possible.

After years of experimenting with stimulative feeding, I much prefer to disturb colonies as little as possible until we have plenty of young bees, as the increased activity occasioned by disturbance wears out those whose lives we would seek to lengthen. When warm weather has come to stay, unless flowers are yielding honey freely, it is money put out at a good rate of interest to feed freely. Lumps of granulated honey laid on top of the frames now gives the young bees profitable employment. If stores are abundant in the hive, we may now profitably break the cappings on a comb of honey, placing this in the centre of the brood nest, as the handling of honey within the hive stimulates both queen and bees in broodrearing.

I have said nothing about seeing that the colony has a queen, for if we looked after that the preceeding August, (requeening where the queen was more than one year old), such a small per cent will be queenless that I don't think it pays to disturb them, unless their conduct is unnatural. The quiet content cluster assures the apiarian that all is well on that line, while their actions on taking their first flight, failing to get up the happy city of "home," assures the initiated that something is wrong. Should a colony prove queenless, of course it must be united with a weak colony that has a good queen.

In conclusion, I would add, see that all colonies are 1st class in the fall, in every respect and temperature of cellar from 40 to 50, and spring management has lost its terrors; so at least finds

F. P. CLARE, Rideau Centre.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

The sixth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. was held in the Methodist church, at Lansdowne, Oct. 13th and 14th, a goodly number of delegates being present. Reports from local unions plainly prove the temperance work, though quietly, is steadily growing more extensive.

Two public meetings were held, in which Mrs. Cowan, the president of the county, presided. A goodly programme was given, consisting of readings, recitations, and solos, also excellent music by the choir. Mrs. Cowan gave an address in her usual eloquent manner.

On Friday evening the Demorest medal contest brought out a large crowd. The medal was won by Miss Jennie Davis of Gananoque. Each selection was exceedingly well rendered.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that we, as a county W. C. T. U. reaffirm our position and platforms as "Prohibition the security of the state, and total abstinence the safety of the individual."

Resolved: It is with feelings of regret that we notice the increase of the use of tobacco amongst the young of our country; therefore, be it resolved, that the county convention urge upon each local union the necessity of appointing a superintendent of narcotics.

Resolved: That we tender our thanks to the press of the county who have so kindly opened the columns of their papers for the use of the W. C. T. U. unions.

Resolved: That we tender our heartiest thanks to the people of Lansdowne, who have so kindly opened their homes to us, thereby adding much to our pleasure; also to the trustees, who have so kindly opened their church for our use, and to the choir, and any others who have in any way assisted in making this convention a success.

MRS. WRIGHT, Rec.-Sec.

The Saw-log Question.

Writing of the export duty on logs, the Little Current Expositor says, "The feeling is gaining ground that the interests of this district have been sacrificed to the political exigencies of the moment. As this feeling gains ground the government will have to give way, and there is good reason to hope that next season will see a change in the disastrous policy which has closed the Georgian Bay Mills and thrown thousands out of employment. We are being sacrificed to the Ottawa lumbermen simply because they can control more votes in the House than we can. We are good Conservatives in this district and support "the Old Flag and the Old Policy," but by the Great Big Jumping Jerusalem we can't live on old flags and old policies; it is the dollars we are after, and this log business is sucking the very life's blood out of the district, and bringing bankruptcy instead of prosperity."

The matter of the export duty on saw-logs presents a fiscal problem that is difficult of solution. It is feared that if the export duty on logs is reimposed the Americans will retaliate with a tariff prohibiting Canadian lumber. In the meantime, owners of limits find it more profitable to sell their logs to American millers than to cut them here, and so several of our largest mills on Georgian Bay are closed. The export duty was imposed shortly after the American lumbermen had invested largely in Canadian limits, with a view to forcing them to cut the timber in Canada. The Americans had purchased with the intention of towing the logs to their mills in Michigan, and the manifest unfairness of the export tax being brought forcibly to the attention of the Dominion Government, the tax was promptly removed, since which time the Americans have been taking the logs to Michigan for manufacture and bought out the stock of many Canadian millers. Just how to have Canadian timber saws in Canada and retain access to the American market is the question that is presented to our Government and lumber men.

Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville—T. W. DENNIS—has removed to the Merrill Block, next door to C. M. Babcock's.

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