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CANADA A WONDERFUL HONEY PRODUCING COUNTRY; PRODUCT IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD

That Canada is a wonderful country for beekeeping is now an undisputed fact, due chiefly to her wide range of flora and high average of favourable weather for the secretion of ingathering nectar. Moreover, the greater part of the honey produced in Canada is of high quality, both in flavour and body, being white in colour, is most suitable for table use.

Until quite recently, beekeeping was practically confined to the older provinces in Eastern Canada, especially Ontario and Quebec, and to British Columbia; the surplus produced by them was absorbed by the Prairie Provinces. During the past five years, however, not only has beekeeping increased in the East but it has made a rapid advance in the Middle West, and because of this growth Canadian honey is now being exported to European markets where it is most favourably regarded. The total crop for 1925 was estimated at well over 19,000,000 pounds. Of this, Ontario produced over 10,000,000 pounds, Quebec and Manitoba each over 4,000,000 pounds; British Columbia 638,319 pounds; and Saskatchewan, Alberta, and New Brunswick each over 100,000 pounds. No record of actual production is available from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island but from the total crop estimate given above it will be seen that the production from these provinces is relatively small. The amount of honey produced throughout the Dominion, of course, varies from year to year, according to weather conditions. For instance, 1925 was a very favourable year in this respect for Eastern Canada but not so good for the West; while 1926 was just the reverse that is good for the West and not so favorable for the East as the following crop figures for 1926 will show; New Brunswick 100,000 pounds; Ontario 5,000,000 pounds; Manitoba 3,522,512 pounds; Saskatchewan 170,287 pounds; Alberta 215,000 pounds; British Columbia 898,257 pounds. The Quebec figures for 1926 are not yet available. In comparing 1926 figures with those of 1925 it will be seen that with the exception of Manitoba the honey crops of the western provinces were much larger in the former year. Reports of the 1927 crop so far received show that in western Canada the past season was even more favorable than 1926; Manitoba reports a crop of 7,386,575 pounds, British Columbia 986,719 pounds, and Saskatchewan 500,974 pounds. Crop reports from the other provinces for 1927 are not yet available.

Comparatively few bees are as yet kept in the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick but these provinces contain large areas suitable for honey production. Greater interest however is now being shown in this industry the demand for bees is increasing and larger apiaries are being maintained. In most localities is quite good, in some seasons running well over 100 pounds per colony. In Quebec an increase of 31,827 colonies is shown for the period 1921-26. During the same period the increase in production was 2,619,512 pounds in Manitoba;

164,491 pounds in Saskatchewan; and 589,183 pounds in British Columbia. From 1924 to 1926 Alberta's output of honey increased by 160,000 pounds.

While honey production is steadily increasing throughout the Dominion there are large areas yet unexploited in so far as beekeeping is concerned; this is especially true of the western provinces. The changing farm conditions in the more settled parts of The Prairie Provinces the opening up of new territory and the introduction of irrigation into semi-arid areas are having an effect on beeking possibilities. For instance the introduction of sweet clover into Manitoba and Saskatchewan is largely responsible for the increase in beekeeping in these two provinces. In the Peace River district, where beekeeping is a comparatively new industry an experimental apiary at Beaverlodge Alberta gave a wonderful crop during the summer of 1926. A colony on scales registered a gain of 20 pounds per 24 hours on more than one occasion and at the end of the season this colony gave 281.5 pounds of surplus honey and in addition gave one colony increase. Other pioneer apiaries reported equally good results. In the irrigated areas, where alfalfa and sweet clover are grown extensively, good crops of honey are assured. In British Columbia the fertile valleys offer splendid opportunities for beekeeping especially in the central part of the province. In Ontario and Quebec the older parts of the provinces are fairly well stocked with bees but the newer parts of the provinces offer what is practically an undeveloped field.

BOILED SPUDS WERE FED TO THE FISHES

(New York Sun.) Potatoes, boiled in their jackets, are an edible that require no apology. But a marine insurance company of New York found 600 barrels of them a decided liability recently. They found no place on a New York menu, furnished a surprise repast for fishes and cost the insurance firm a tidy sum. This was the way of it: The tubers were on board a ship bound here from Cuba. A fire occurred in the hold next to them. Water was poured into that burning section. The water soon became steam and created such heat that the spuds in the next compartment were boiled because their section of the hull of the ship became literally a fireless cooker with just enough of the moist steam filtering through to complete the boiling process.

DIETS HURT SUGAR TRADE

Manchester, England, Feb. 16—Woman's "craze for slimness" has greatly reduced figures in the chocolate and confectionery branches of the sugar industry, say the annual report of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Imports of refined sugar and sugar candy at Manchester dropped nearly 300,000 tons in 1927.



Of Interest to the Women

MY NEIGHBOR SAYS.

Pain from scalds and burns can be relieved almost immediately by applying a poultice made of oatmeal and cold water. The meal has both soothing and healing qualities.

Wash the top crust of pie with four tablespoons of evaporated milk into which the yolk of an egg has been beaten. This mixture will keep a week if placed in a cup in the refrigerator.

When frying doughnuts have a dish of boiling water on the stove beside your kettle of fat and as you take the doughnuts out of the fat immerse them quickly in water. They will not be greasy.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

"I make" writes Mrs. F. W., "underwear for my little girl's doll out of silk stockings. I also cut the best parts out of old curtains in squares and line them with bright silks or satins and they make nice spreads for doll's beds."

Mrs. P. J. A. believes in making the best of things and deriving as much pleasure as possible from the process. She writes "I have two small children and find that I can not have any outside amusements so I started a "Pleasure Fund" of my own by setting aside 50 cents each week. With this I have bought materials for cushions, colored valances for over old bedroom curtains a bridge lamp, cheap but pretty a pretty colored bowl stainless steel knives and many other little articles that really furnish a great deal of pleasure in beauty and service.

"Last year" writes Mrs. G. B. C. "I bought my son blue woolly leggings to wear with his numerous blue sweaters and coat. They fitted exactly then but this year they were too short. But a cheap underwaist solved the problem as I attached the leggings to it and when he is slipped into them with his lumberjacket blouse pulled over I know that he is not going to separate in the middle."

"When washing rag rugs, after they are thoroughly rinsed" writes Mrs. A. M. H. "use your left over starch. Add a pail of water to the starch and rinse your rag rugs in it. They will have new life and will lay flat on the floor."

"Don't try to retack window shades" warns Mrs. W. J. "that pulls off the rolls. Inch wide adhesive tape does the work quicker and holds the shade so it does not tear out."

A novel way to ice a cake comes from Mrs. E. C. D. also who writes "When the cake is baked and ready to ice I cut into it across center with a large thin knife and leaving knife in the cake turn pan around and insert another knife in same cut, points of blades touching sides of pans and handles crossed above cake. When icing is cool and firm remove knives and you have perfect edges where it joins "and are thus able to use two or three kinds of icing on same cake."

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When April comes with daffodils and rain,
Then I shall find my spirit once again
In tiny tulip titter through the grass.
Where now and then the east winds wetly pass.

When April comes I know that I shall wish
For magic May and her eternal swish
Of laughing lilacs, dripping from the trees
Immortal sonnets mauve with mysteries.

But now I wait green April's advent though
For cherry boughs against a blast of blue,
And long to hear an ardent robin sing
His love advances from the thumb of Spring.

While Winter wages war in battles white
I'll think of April bathed in yellow light,
So my cold soul in readiness shall be
For daffodil communion on the lea.
—PEGGY REID in Detroit News.

"Now remember dear, the outcome of your first quarrel establishes a precedent. Don't give in."
"I won't. But I think somebody must have given Henry the same advice."

Assessment Notice

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Fredericton hereby require all persons liable to be rated for the year 1928 forthwith to furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their Personal Estate and Income, which is assessable under the City of Fredericton Assessment Act, 1926, and true statements of wages or salaries paid to employees, and hereby give notice that blank forms on which such statements may be furnished, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in said office on or before the 15th day of February, 1928. Dated this 12th day of January, 1928. PETER FARRELL, Chairman of the Board of Assessors of Taxes.

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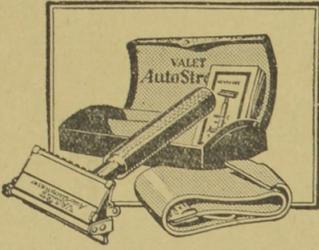
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