

BEES NEED AID DURING WINTER

State Apiary Inspector Gives
Hints on Care.

Despite a considerable slump in the price of sugar during the last year, thousands of sugar-beekeepers of Indiana should look forward to the marketing of honey in the future as a necessary food and not as a luxury, in the opinion of C. O. Yost, State apiary inspector for the Department of Conservation.

As a result of the unprecedented price of sugar during the last year, thousands of sugar users turned to honey as a substitute and have since become permanent users of honey in preference to sugar, Mr. Yost says.

For this reason he believes the honey market of the future is assured and beekeepers have every prospect of disposing of the product of their apiaries at advantageous prices.

In a letter to several thousand beekeepers in Indiana, the State apiary inspector calls attention to work necessary for the proper wintering of the colonies in order that the bees will emerge next spring vigorous and healthy.

Many features enter into successful wintering, chief of which are: To have a large number of young bees in the hive in order to be sure that there are sufficient stores, protect the bees by good windbreaks, provide plenty of room for spring brood-rearing, and insure protection

to colonies by properly packing the bees with insulating material.

The prime object of packing is the conservation of energy, bringing the energy and strength as far as possible by them when they entered their winter rest.

It is assumed all beekeepers understand quite well bees do not hibernate or become dormant or frozen up like some other of nature's creatures.

Instead, they maintain a comfortable temperature and remain active during the coldest weather, unless the cold is severe enough to overcome and freeze them.

To do this they must generate heat and the amount of heat generated depends upon the amount of cold entering their hives and vicinity of the cluster; therefore, protection of the heat within the hive is brought about entirely by the activities of the bees.

Hives should face the east or south.

Colonies will be shocked and fatigued to the bone in the west and north sides. Avoid a solid windbreak, and if the hives are placed before a solid windbreak, it is better to remove every other palings.

Packing of the hives with insulating material is put on after the first heavy frost. Insulating material, being beneath the hives, six inches on the sides and eight inches on the top, has been found to work admirably.

Enough of this syrup should be fed to bring up their stores to a normal amount.

There may be placed a burlap sack or an escape board (be sure to take out the wire to allow moisture to escape into the packing).

Don't use an oilcloth or tight board cover.

Contract the entrance to one or two inches long and three-eighths inch deep. A box may be fitted around the hive (waterproof top) and filled with some packing material.

Don't close the entrance.

Colonies will in sheds may be boxed in and buried in chaff etc.

The entrance should be left open. Quadruple cases if properly packed and enclosed will hold a large amount of valuable.

Collars, doors and ventilated, that retain temperature of about 45 degrees, varying to 49 degrees, or at a temperature where bees are most quiet, may also be used.

It is absolutely essential the bees have plenty of stores to go into the winter with.

The feeding season is nearly past and a look into the colonies should not be delayed.

Recent investigations prove more bees need feeding than was anticipated a few weeks ago.

The proper amount of stores is about thirty-five pounds per colony.

The store must be sufficient to carry the bees through until the honey flow actually starts in the spring.

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CONSTANTINE DESIDES THRONE

Former Greek King Unwilling to Renounce Rights.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Former King Constantine of Greece is unwilling to renounce his rights to the Hellenic throne and is clinging to the crown, according to acceptance of the throne by his son, Paul, according to a Central News dispatch from Geneva today quoting members of Constantine's entourage.

Finds \$500 Pearl

BELEVIERE, Ills., Oct. 29.—While digging for clams in Rock River, near here, William Reid, a clam digger, found a pearl which jewelers estimated was worth \$500. He found also a number of smaller pearls.

MacSwiney's Body Is Removed for Burial

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Although the British government refused to allow the body

of Terence MacSwiney to be taken to Dublin, on the ground it might lead to political trouble, funeral services were held for the late Lord Mayor of Cork at the Irish capital and the day was observed as one of national mourning in Ireland.

After the body had been taken on board a small boat at Holyhead, Wales, for direct transportation to Cork, under guard of a detachment of British and Royal Ulster and English soldiers, members of the MacSwiney family left for Kingstown on an ordinary steamer.

The body will rest in state at Cork until the burial on Sunday.

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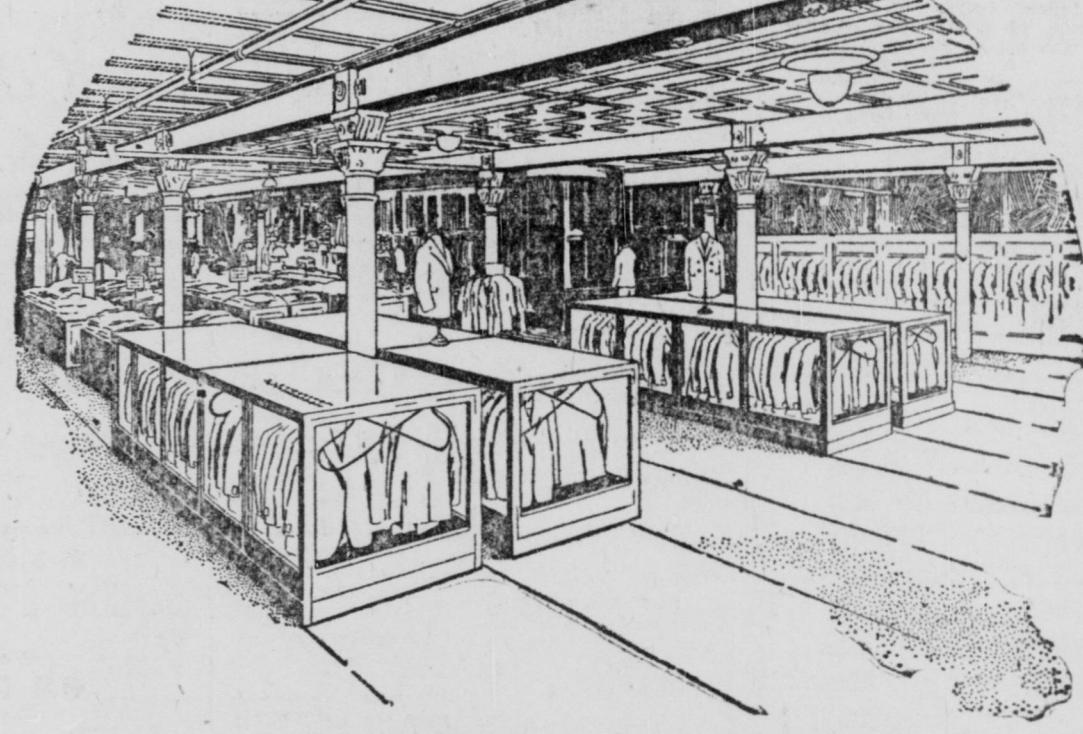
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