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### REGISTRATION OF BEES.

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Many beekeepers are not complying with the law in regard to the annual registration of bees. They seem to think that if they register once, they need not do so again, but the law requires them to register each year before October 1st. This law is Chapter 174 of the Public Acts of 1919, and reads as follows:

"Section 1. Every person owning one or more hives of bees shall, annually, on or before the first day of October, make application to the town clerk of the town in which such bees are kept, for the registration of such bees, and such town clerk shall issue to such applicant a certificate of registration upon the payment of a recording fee of twenty-five cents, which certificate shall be in the form prescribed and upon blanks furnished by the commissioner of domestic animals and shall be recorded in the office of such town clerk.

Sec. 2. A record of such registration with the name and place of residence of the registrant and the definite location in the town where bees are kept by him shall be recorded in a separate book in the office of the town clerk, which records shall be accessible to the public.

Sec. 3. Any owner of bees who shall fail to register as required by the provisions of this act shall be fined not more than five dollars."

An amendment to this law was passed at the last session of the General Assembly (see Chapter 129, Public Acts of 1923) as follows:

"Section two of chapter 174 of the public acts of 1919 is amended to read as follows: A record of such registration and of the name and place of residence of the registrant and the definite location in the town where bees are kept by him shall be kept in a separate book in the office of the town clerk, which record shall be accessible to the public. Each town clerk shall file with the state entomologist of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station a complete list of such registrations and locations on or before the first day of February of the year succeeding such registrations. Any town clerk failing to perform such duty shall be fined not more than ten dollars."

Therefore in order to comply with the Statutes, each beekeeper should register at once with his town clerk, and each town clerk must send to the State Entomologist, before February first, a list of the beekeepers who have registered in that town.

Insects and fungi or other specimens may be sent to the Station for identification.