

Do you use separators? I use separators if I want a first-class article.

QUESTION DRAWER.

Should we use painted or unpainted hives?

Most thought painted, by all means. Some, however, thought that, although unsightly, the unpainted hive allowed better escape of moisture.

Mr. Holtermann spoke highly, as far as he knew, of the Heddon hive as a wintering hive.

Messrs. Armstrong and Atkinson did not want the Heddon hive. There were many objections. They had used them for years.

Several members condemned using many sizes of frames in one apiary.

Is it advisable to cut out drone comb in the spring? Yes, it is, if you put in worker.

Is drone comb in the super as good as worker? Not unless there is plenty of drone comb below. The bees may leave drone comb empty in the super, excepting the queen, to deposit eggs there.

Mr. Armstrong related how his uncle had a lot of box hives, and those shaded did not swarm nearly so much as those not shaded. The evidence he gave appeared to be very conclusive.

The delegates at the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association were then asked to report.

Mr. Armstrong, in his report, said that some very valuable discussions had taken place at the meeting at Brantford, but there had been too much wrangling. He did not say so because the gentleman happened to be present. He did not think Mr. Holtermann was to blame for this, but others were. He hoped to see the Ontario Association still more useful in the future, and that personal matters would drop out of the discussions, and harmony prevail.

Mr. Best, Balmoral, the second delegate to the convention, stated that he had enjoyed and profited much by the meeting, but there was a personal feeling shown by some in convention which was very undesirable, and was injuring the association. He thought Mr. Holtermann had acted all right and was in no way to blame. Mr. McKnight, of Owen Sound, was an able man, and could be a useful member. He had given a very able address during the open evening meeting, and with the exception of that about everything he did was wrong. He hoped a better spirit would prevail in future. A great deal of time had been wasted in this way. Mr. Best praised very highly the action of Mr. W. J. Brown, Chard, in bringing a sample of adulterated honey before the association, and hoped

such exposure would have beneficial results.

Mr. Stewart asked if anything further had been done to open up the British market for honey.

Mr. Holtermann said that this was an important subject. The subject of preferential trade between Great Britain and her colonies appeared to begin to assume something like practical shape. In an essay, which had received high praise, the agricultural products were mentioned which it would be desirable to include in the arrangement. Honey had not been mentioned. Bee-keepers in Canada would benefit by an arrangement along the above lines, and he thought it would be well to act in this matter as soon as possible. Preferential trade was not a party question. He thought, by a gradually increased tax for agricultural products not produced in British colonies, those wishing to supply Great Britain would have an advantage by settling in British territory. He did not look for a great increase in price by such an arrangement, but benefits would be derived by increased population.

It was then moved by Wm. Atkinson, Cheapside, seconded by Isaac G. Wismer, South Cayuga, that the members of the Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association would like to see the development of the European and particularly the British market for honey; and that in case any steps should be taken in the direction of preferential trade with Great Britain, honey be one of the articles to come under that head. And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa. Carried.

The Halton District Bee-Keepers' Association.

MILTON, May 20th, 1893.

The Halton district bee-keepers met at the Bennett House, Milton, on May 20th, the president, A. Pickett, in the chair. Reports from members show a considerable loss the past winter, mostly from cellar wintering; also the bees wintered outside are in better condition. Prospects for a honey crop from clover are not very good; from basswood better. The members spent a very enjoyable time discussing quite a number of questions, and were satisfied that much benefit could be had from such meetings.

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