

again, previously adding the covering of water, but without effect. It was then that I seized the great importance of placing the cold water on the granulated honey previous to melting.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

The Value of Conventions.

IT is a matter of surprise to myself to find a single bee-keeper taking the ground that conventions are of little value save to those who have "axes to grind"; in fact I had supposed that "axes were not ground" at our conventions.

But how is this? Is there a single bee-keeper so thoroughly well informed in regard to the "ins and outs" of the bee business that he or she can gain no information thereat? If so, then he or she should attend as a matter of charity and for the purpose of shedding light on the poor benighted fellows who are now in darkness. Again, is it worth nothing to become acquainted with bee-keepers of whom we have often heard, yet never seen? To myself it seems that conventions work an immense amount of good, and in a great variety of ways. If one takes the ground that no good will result to him or her, all right, but it would seem in such case, that a vast amount of self conceit is required to cause one to take that position. An interchange of views and ideas such as alone can be made at a convention is sufficient to pay, and pay well, anyone who attends. And then again, a full attendance should be made for the very purpose of preventing "axes being ground."

Let us hear no more then of the inadvisability of conventions, till everybody in the land "knows it all and more too." I might write pages on the subject, but it seems so simple to me, that I think a few lines only are enough to convince the great majority.

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The Programme for the Brantford Convention.

THE programme for the American International Bee-Association which is to meet at Brantford, Ontario, Canada, Dec. 4th to 6th next, is not yet complete. However from the following it will be seen that the subjects are interesting and the members taking part such as will attract many to the meetings. The first session will be at 2 p. m. of the 4th.

Bee-keeping an occupation for women,—Miss H. F. Buller, Campbellford, Ont.

Cellar vs. out-door wintering,—R. McKnight, Owen Sound, Ont.

Shipping queens,—F. H. Macpherson, Beeton, Ont.

Disposal of the honey crop, Thos. G. Newman, Chicago, Ill.

Cellar wintering,—S. T. Pettit, Belmont, Ont.

Riding hobby horses, bee-keeping a recreation from other pursuits and an antidote for disease,—E. R. Root, Medina, Ohio.

Alimentary system or apparatus of the honey bee,—Prof. A. J. Cook, Agricultural Coll, Mich., U. S.

S. Corneil, Lindsay, Ont., has not yet given the subject of his address. Of course the president will give his annual address. Reduced rates—at least one and one third fare return trip—may be secured on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railway; for particulars apply to the secretary. Remember you must have a certificate to be filled out when purchasing your ticket for Brantford. Reduced hotel rates may be secured at the Kirby House (\$1.50.) The Commercial Hotel close to the place of meeting is an excellent \$1.00 per day house.

Canadian Pacific Ry. tickets may be purchased for Galt or Woodstock.

Romney, Ont. R. F. HOLTERMAN, Secy.

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Olla Prodriga.

MY experience as a reader of your BEE JOURNAL AND POULTRY WEEKLY is only of a month, but I must say I have gained much information and now would not be without it for anything.

I would like if some of our bee-keepers would state how their bees acted this summer. Mine were the crossiest I ever knew them, and I can assign no reason for it.

I live in a very small village where children are in a majority. When I began extracting one old fashioned damsel remarked "Mr. Mof-fat is grinding honey" and the place was soon lined with little faces.

My apiary contains eighty colonies but owing to farm work I have part of them kept on shares. My opinion is that bee-keeping pays with farming,—it is a good combination.

I thought my drones were killed earlier this season than usual.

From a visit to and one from a neighboring bee-man—and a successful one—I have received much information which was kindly given.

Concerning what appears to be the greatest drawback to the bee business—wintering—I would like to hear the opinions of all Ontario