

think it paid to plant anything for bees. Buckwheat was good for fall feeding.

Mr. Armstrong said that according to the report of the Commissioners appointed to report on the Chapman honey plant, it was the plant we needed. It was the best honey plant known for yielding honey.

The Secretary advocated the planting of sweet clover in waste places and on the roadside; it was an excellent honey plant and was decidedly nicer looking than thistles and mullein stalks.

Mr. Vanderburg advocated the planting of basswood for shade instead of maple; it was a good shade tree and one of the best for honey.

Several members expressed themselves in a similar way.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR WINTER.

The President had prepared his bees for winter in one way for several years, and had been generally successful, but this last winter he had not been so successful, and he thought he would have to change his plan. He thought he would have to resort to cellar wintering or some such plan.

Mr. F. Rose said one cause of loss in wintering bees was in putting the packing too close on top, so that the bees could not pass over the tops of the frames to their stores.

Mr. Armstrong said the first mistake in preparing for winter was in beginning preparations too late. When bees are disturbed late in the fall they fill themselves with honey and are very liable to be troubled with dysentery. If bees are prepared early, have sufficient stores and are properly protected, they will generally come through all right. The bees should be put as close together as possible; if the colony was weak the bees should be crowded on to as few frames as possible; they should be provided with good stores and well protected from the cold. He put some in a clamp, packed with sawdust and others were wintered in double walled hives, and he had not lost a single colony this winter.

REPORT OF LOSSES.

	Fall, '86	Spring, '87.
Jas. Armstrong,	80	80
W. Kindree,	64	34
H. Smith,	10	0
Robt. Coverdale,	34	18
E. Kindree,	17	9
James Jack,	13	0
A. Vanderburg,	60	26
J. D. Ray,	6	4
Jas. Grogan,	2	2
D. Rose,	80	65
John Kindree,	6	3
J. D. Rutherford,	5	2

E. C. Campbell,	23	3
G. S. Best,	4	4
W. Best,	18	12
Jos. Evans,	4	3
Geo. Windocker,	4	4
J. Vanderburg,	18	15
O. Fathers,	14	11
Edmund DeCew,	13	1

QUESTION DRAWER.

Mr. Jack said he had a lot of old comb with sour honey and mouldy, and wished to know what to do with them. Mr. Armstrong said he would give one frame at a time to a strong colony, and in 24 hours the frame would be as good as new.

Mr. Jack asked how to put in foundation so as to keep it straight. He fastened it at the top of the frame and one side, and the combs were crooked. Mr. Armstrong said it should be fastened only at the top, and the bees would fix it all right.

Mr. Fathers wished to know which is preferable, natural swarming or dividing? Mr. Rose preferred natural swarming.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Jack, Mr. W. Atkinson was appointed Director for Walpole in place of Mr. Smith, removed.

Moved by Mr. Best, seconded by Mr. Fathers: That the next meeting be held at South Cayuga, on Saturday, 27 August. Carried.

E. C. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

Comparing Apiculture With Other Businesses Financially.

QUERY No. 160.—Does apiculture at this time contain any special attractions, that is, from the dollars and cents point of view, when comparing with farming, mart or other avocations?

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—No.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—Nothing very special.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—In some cases, yes; in some, no.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—The men that have made large fortunes in bee-keeping are but few.