

to provide for the comfort of the delegates.

As stated in my previous convention notice there will be no fixed program and no papers and the time will be occupied in the answering and discussing of questions.

Arrangements have been made for a joint session of our association with the American Poenological Society on the evening of the 12th, to discuss the mutual relations of bee-keeping and fruit-growing, and Prof. Beach, of the N.Y. Agricultural Experimental Station, and Prof. Fletcher, of the Central Experimental Farm of the Dominion of Canada, will help talk for the bees at that session. As this is the first time bee-keepers have had a meeting with the Poenological Society, it is hoped that much good will result to fruit-growers and bee-keepers from this joint session, for we expect a large attendance of the members of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, and many of the leading bee-keepers of N.Y.

If any bee-keeper who cannot be at the convention has any knotty questions he would like to have answered and the convention, will send them to me. I will see that they are presented."

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The Honey Crop.

The honey harvest is practically over, and bee-keepers are looking around and enquiring what the results have been. From the district reports received and published from time to time, and from other sources of information, we conclude that the season has been a fair average general one, nothing extraordinary. The actual amount of the honey crop is not by any means great

we must remember that there is not nearly the number of bees in the country that there was a year ago. In some districts the winter and the spring loss has been estimated at about forty per cent. Taking these things into consideration we do not see any possibility of the market being glutted, or the need of bee-keepers selling at extra low prices. Small bee-keepers, and indeed some of the larger ones who "do not think it worth while to take a bee journal," are making the usual mistake of rushing what they have got on the market, and selling "in trade" to the grocers, and as a result the prices are probably lower now than they will be after these people get cleared out.

Editor Root in "Gleanings in Bee Culture," makes rather an interesting statement in this connection; he says that "the Root Company finds it can buy honey from those who do not read bee journals at a lower figure than from those who take one or more, and keep track of the market; and that it is a fact that the fellow who thinks he cannot afford to take a bee journal will sell his honey enough lower in one season to pay for all the bee journals for ten years."

Hutchinson is right in preaching "more bees." I find in my travels that the most successful bee-keepers—those who make money—are those who run from 500 to 1000 colonies, and some of them make more clean cash than the ranch and fruit men with ten times the investment.—Ed. E. R. Root, "Gleanings."