

more troublesome to handle; Cyprians too cross.

7th. "Queen Raising." Alley's plan very good.

8th. "Feeding Bees." Honey preferred.

Adjourned to meet in March in Trenton at the call of secretary.

Yours truly,

A. McCLATCHIE,
Sec.-Treas.

From the Reformer.

Norfolk Bee-Keepers' Association.

THE Norfolk Bee-keepers' Association met at Dean's Hotel on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The Vice-President, L. W. Kitchen, opened the meeting. Mr. Ryder reported very few swarms, no light honey, all dark, with an average of about 20 pounds comb honey per colony. Mr. Murphy reports no early honey. From 10 colonies in the spring he had extracted 500 pounds, and increased to 15. Mr. McNally gave his report. He had 115 colonies in the spring, increased to 200 and had 4,500 pounds of honey. He had worked on the tiering up system this season, which was generally thought best for a year of this kind. Mr. Kitchen reported very little early brood, no clover honey. He had 6 colonies in the spring, increased to 8 and had taken 140 pounds of honey. R. S. Gage reported an average yield of honey, but no increase. C. W. Culver gave his report. From 13 colonies in the spring increased to 23 and had taken 400 pounds of honey gathered from the Japanese buckwheat. The winter store is all buckwheat honey this year. Rag-weed, Motherwort and Goldenrod were spoken of as good honey plants this year. It was decided to give a special prize of \$10 at the Union Exhibition for the best and neatest display of honey and apiary fixtures, the largest amount not necessary to win. The next meeting will be held in Delhi on December 2nd.

Season Now Departing.

Once upon a summer dreary, while I wandered dull and weary
Round my bee farm in the gloaming, as I had often done before,
Through my troubled brain there floated visions of high prices gloated
I could make of sections noted, if my bees had such in store;
Yes, and also of extracted, if they had even that in store;
But they've combs, and nothing more.

Ah! distinctly I remember, it was only last September,

Hives with sweet ambrosial nectar nearly all were gushing o'er;

Busy bees so swiftly hieing, hive against hive grandly vieing,
Each and all were nobly trying to gather in the greatest store,
And beat precedential totals that were marked up in the store:

"That's gone by for evermore."

Startled at the stillness broken by that sentence aptly spoken,
Craven heart, I said, 'tis fancy: cease thy doubting, I implore,
Place thy trust in bees and honey, thou shalt have both stocks and money
In abundance, such as thou hast never had before—

Weighty supers, help requiring to place safely in the store:

"Croak no more."

But my memory kept returning to the question in it burning,
While instinctively I entered, entered in the empty store,
Where in other years I've mustered serried piles of sections clustered,
With extracting greatly flustered, in the happy times of yore.
Now the empty shelves seemed mocking all around the empty store:

"They never were so bare before."

Tell us, greatest, best of Sages, shall we ever in the ages
That are coming know such seasons any more?
Promptly came his answer to it, "See thy work, then go and do it,
Or next June thou'll sadly rue it, when depleted stocks can't store
Of the abundant flowing nectar, never known in days of yore,
Cease thy croaking evermore!

Thou bad season now departing, let young eighty-nine upstarting
Consign thy many failures to Oblivion's silent shore;
Leave our hives with inmates teeming, while we of sunny season's dreaming
Feed with syrup erstwhile steaming, to eke out thy scanty store.
May we never see thy equal, is a blessing we implore

Both for now and evermore.

WOODLEIGH, in the B. B. J.

MUST STILL HAVE IT.

JOHN MCKIMMIE.—Please change my address from Niagara to Toronto. Although out of the bee business, I must still have the C. B. J.
Toronto, October 1, 1888.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Eastern townships' Beekeepers' Association will hold their fourth annual meeting on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Cowansville, in the hall over the printing office at one o'clock, p.m.
R. P. SMALL.

Dunham, Oct. 1.