

is to take the subject in hand. And here, let me say, I believe better addresses could be secured by the executive of an association meeting before the honey season begins, not after, asking who they will to take part, letting those invited have months to get up their address. In the United States certain associations have gone to the extreme, having no, or practically no, discussions upon the management of apiaries. This may be all right for the National, but in my estimation not for others. The Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association takes the opposite extreme. It would be well for us if we could calmly, without personal feeling and motives, discuss topics of vital, general and sweeping importance to the bee-keeping industry at large. Our honey markets are demoralized, certain sections glutted, a great many lying idle, the people not being able to buy a good quality of honey. Our governments doing less than nothing for us only using the industry to the extent that it can produce a fine product, and exhibiting it to show those it wishes to draw to its shores the excellence of its products, and what it can do. Fruit, dairy products, poultry, eggs, bacon, upon all these vast sums have been expended to produce them and find a market for them but the bee-keeping industry welters on in the mire. But the novice has a right in our convention, all the above is of interest to this class, and we all have yet much to learn (of course I am always willing to except the 8-frame Langstroth men).

Now, although I have a patent on my portico hive with a screen, the screen not nailed, detachable by any method, and although I have a patent in Canada and the United States on any method of finding without removing supers or cover of hive, queen cells for swarming, for beginner or expert, a far-reaching and valuable patent, in my estimation, and although

these hives are now manufactured, and for sale, yet I have no patent on a large or small hive, these attachments can be applied alike to either I intend, for the benefit of Novice and others in the next number to try and show the value of larger hives. If Mr. James Armstrong, of Cheapside, who I like to oppose, or anyone else likes, in the same number to take the side of the small hives, and both of us will give the why and the wherefore we should have an interesting and valuable number of The Canadian Bee Journal.—Brantford, Ont.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By a York County Bee-Keeper

Clover Along Railways.

Dr. Miller says in Gleanings that in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, the railway authorities urge their employees to engage in bee-keeping, agreeing to aid them in starting, and also to sow clover along the different lines. This reminds me of the time the C. P. R. was built through our section. A beekeeper asked permission to sow "clover" on the freshly-graded banks and cuttings. The authorities quite readily acceded to his request, and the beekeeper promptly seeded the ground with sweet clover. It was a "good catch," and every season since, for miles and miles, there is a rank growth of the stuff, which makes a great amount of work for the sectionmen, who have to mow it two or three times each summer. Possibly if the C. P. R. officials were ever asked a like request again, before granting same, they would likely specify kind of clover seed to be sown.

What Queens Shall We Breed From?

Another "straw" of the Doctor's in