

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

#### PREPARING FOR WINTER.

The President said that he commenced preparing his bees for winter in the early part of September; he crowded the bees on to as few frames as they could cover, put sticks over the frames so as the bees could get to their stores, and put a chaff cushion on top. He contracted the entrance to the hive so as to prevent too much draft and put a division board in the front part of the hive.

Mr. Armstrong examines his bees to see that they have a good queen, and that there are plenty of young bees. He would advise those who had extracted too closely to feed their bees at once so as to start the queens laying, and see that each hive was supplied with at least 30 lbs. of stores. He wintered his single-walled hives in a clamp well packed with sawdust or chaff on all sides and on the top; he preferred sawdust, as there was no danger of mice disturbing the bees. In answer to a question he said he could tell whether a queen was a good one or not by the strength of the colony.

Mr. Isaac Overholt kept his bees in a clamp winter and summer and had been very successful, but this summer one of his clamps was too hot, as the combs had all melted and the bees had died. He supposed the loss was caused by want of ventilation.

In answer to Mr. Coverdale, Mr. Armstrong said if he had a good cellar he would winter some of his bees in it, but his cellar was not fit. The cellar required to be well ventilated.

#### THE SEASON'S REPORT.

	Spring	Fall	Honey
W. Kindree.....	42	51	1000
Jas. Armstrong.....	68	120	4000
Robt. Coverdale.....	18	34	400
Isaac Overholt.....	27	52	800
A. Nash.....	2	6	50
Geo. Best.....	4	11	400
O. Fathers.....	11	25	800
V. Honsberger.....	9	17	300
J. D. Rae.....	4	9	50
Israel Overholt.....	3	6	70
Peter Drake.....	7	13	350
Eli Grobb.....	2	4	50
John Kindree.....	3	9	
E. Kindree.....	9	20	800
Jos. Lovegrove.....	4	8	375
M. Schisler.....	9	16	100
E. C. Campbell.....	3	6	100
W. Atkinson.....	19	38	600

An informal discussion now took place on various subjects, and a number of questions were asked and answered by the members. The meeting was a very enjoyable one and nine new members were added to the roll.

Moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Rae, that the next meeting of the Association be

held at Cayuga on the third Friday in January, at 1 o'clock, p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Best kindly entertained a number of the bee-keepers from a distance, and made their visit a pleasant one.

E. C. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

#### THE HONEY-BIRD OF SOUTH AFRICA.

**T**HIS is in size and plumage about like an English sparrow. It acts as a detective for wild bees, and will lead men to beehives. A traveller in Africa thus describes it:—

When this bird sees a man it will fly close to him, hovering around, uttering a twittering sound; then it will fly off in the direction of the place (generally a tree) where the honey is, flying backward and forward in a zigzag fashion. Then back it will come twittering in the same manner, as if to say, "Come along, I'll show you where it is." These actions are repeated until the tree is reached, when the bird will indicate it very plainly by hovering around it.

If the distance is great (and sometimes the honey-bird will lead a person, who is willing to follow, a distance of ten miles), it will wait on a tree until the follower comes up, and will then continue its piloting. It is very persistent, and will do its best to draw any one on, but if the party is not posted about honey-birds and refuses to follow, or goes in the wrong direction, the bird will leave, probably in search of some person who will appreciate its efforts to provide sweetmeats.

While the bees are being smoked out and the honey taken up the bird will hover in the vicinity until the job is done, when his reward comes in the shape of a feast on the fragments that are left. If it knows of other hives, just as soon as one is disposed of, it will lead the way to another, and I have, since this time, known as many as four trees taken by a party in one day.

#### SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

**J. K. DARLING.**—Honey crop is short here this season and just now they are trying to clean each other out. Think I must have a hand in. Am extremely well pleased that the C. B. J. continues to improve in practical value; could not do without it "no how." Hope I will be able to attend some of the association meetings.

Almonte, Sept. 6th.

**THOS. H. MILLS.**—Received queen for the amount due me on the Horn account. I have introduced her into one of my best hives and she is laying splendidly and doing well. You must have sent me a \$3 queen in place of a \$1 but I