

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

THE NORTH AMERICAN BEEKEEPERS' CONVENTION.

MR. EDITOR,—The North American Beekeepers' Society will hold its 23rd annual convention December 27th, 28th and 29th, at the Randall House, corner Penna. Ave. and 15th street, Washington, D.C. The regular rates are \$3 a day, but to those attending the convention they will be only \$2 50. Besides this, if only fifteen members stop at the house, a hall in the hotel will be furnished free. Otherwise, the charge for the hall will be \$5 per day. Of course there are other cheaper hotels to which those who choose can go. Rates as low as \$1.75 can be secured. Or a room at \$1 a day can be obtained and meals taken upon the European plan.

The convention will be held when all railroads will give a round trip for the price of one and one-third fare. It may be well to explain, however, that these rates are given only for local traffic. In other words, a person who has to pass over more than one road cannot buy a through ticket and take advantage of the reduced rates. In order to take advantage of the reduced rates he will be obliged to first buy a round trip ticket over his own road; then, upon reaching the next road, buy one over that, and so on. It may be possible that a limited return ticket could be bought nearly as cheaply as to pay these locally reduced holiday rates. Let all consult their ticket agents in regard to this before buying their tickets. The trunk lines would have granted reduced rates (one and one-third fare) but there must be 100 persons present. Should there be less than 100 present holding railroad certificates, the reduced rate would be withheld. Should we adopt the certificate plan and then the attendance be less than 100, there would be bitter disappointment and loss, as, had the members not expected to return at one-third fare upon presentation of their certificates, they would have taken advantage of other reductions. As it now is, those living on roads leading into Washington direct will

be all right, while those coming over more than one road can manage as suggested.

PROGRAMME—FIRST DAY, TUESDAY DECEMBER 27TH.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 p.m.—Payment of annual dues; reception of new members and distribution of badges. "President's Address," Eugene Secor, Forest City, Iowa. Discussion, "Grading Honey," Dr. C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill. Discussion. Question Box.

EVENING SESSION — 7.30 p.m.—"Self-Hivers," E. R. Root, Medina, Ohio. Discussion. Question Box.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.

MORNING SESSION. — 9.30 a.m. — "Detecting the Adulteration of Honey," Prof. A. J. Cook, Agricultural College Mich. Discussion. (Prof. H. W. Wiley, U.S. Chemist, is expected to be present and join in the discussion). "Varieties of Bees and Their Characteristics," Frank Benton, Washington, D.C. Discussion. Question Box.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 p.m.—"What the Department of Agriculture Ought to Do for Apiculture," P. H. Elwood, Starkville, N.Y. "What the Department of Agriculture Has Done and Can Do for Apiculture," C. V. Riley, Government Entomologist, Washington, D.C. Discussion. Question Box.

EVENING SESSION — 7.30 p.m.—"Shall the Scope of the Beekeepers' Union be Broadened?" T. G. Newman, Chicago, Ill. Discussion. Question Box.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

MORNING SESSION — Selection of place or holding next meeting. Election of Officers. Report of Committees. Completion of Unfinished Business. Question Box. Adjournment.

Just a word in regard to the fewness of the topics. Some of the topics are of unusual importance and deserve most thorough discussion. It is very unsatisfactory to have an important discussion in full blast cut off short and perhaps referred to a committee in order to give room to the next topic. A full convention can bring out all the points much more fully than a