

not the case. In times of scarcity of honey we place the bee tent over the hive and work inside. While we have remained outside of the tent watching those within working we have been frequently stung with robber bees which were trying to get in. Again when hives are being robbed we have frequently placed the bee tent over the hive to prevent it and it would not take a person long to become satisfied which did the stinging. As soon as they found that they could not enter they would fly about frequently stinging any person near. We have sometimes wondered if bees could not be educated to be cross by allowing colonies to rob each other year after year and give them no special attention as they are managed by some of our bee-keepers in Cyprus, Palestine, Syria and other places in the east. May that not have a tendency to cause them to be crosser than they otherwise would be. Alfafa clover, we believe, can be grown in this country. Will some of our bee friends who have had large crops of honey from this clover give us all the information on this subject they can.

In reference to our deer hunting trip we may say that we were in a section of the country where the deer were very plentiful. We got nineteen, some of which were very fine. We brought five of them home and divided them around among our friends and they seemed to be appreciated. We have four pairs of horns, two of which are spike bucks and would be hard to beat. Next season, now that we know the country, the run ways, etc., we think a good party could secure fifty in the season without much trouble. An hour's ride from this hunting ground on the train would bring us into a section of the country where moose is also very plentiful.

#### Convention Notices.

The Eastern Townships Bee-Keepers' Association will hold a convention on Monday, Jan. 15th, 1888, in hall over printing office, Cowansville, at 10 a.m. All bee-keepers are requested to be present as there is important business to attend to.

Dunham, P. Q.

R. P. SMALL, Sec.

The Ohio State Bee-keepers' Association will hold their 5th annual convention in the United States Hotel, cor. High and Town sts., Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 10 and 11, 1888. An interesting program will be arranged. Reduced rates at the above hotel. FRANK A. EATON, Sec.

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#### PARCELS TO THE UNITED STATES.

On the 1st day of February we shall have communication with our friends across the border by parcel post so that very many of the articles which we cannot send now will be admitted then. After that date it is likely that there will be no more trouble with queens going through the mails as they can be sent as parcels instead of at letter rates as now. We cannot just say what the limit of weight will be but we presume it will be about five pounds. This will be of considerable service to ourselves and we expect that our friends across the line will reap an equal advantage.

Beginning with the first number of the new year we have made a slight advance in our advertising rates which will be found on the second page of the cover each week. Our rates have heretofore been extremely low and were not such as our large circulation would warrant us in charging. We preferred, however, that our customers should first have an opportunity of obtaining whether it was a benefit to place their advertisements in the columns of the BEE JOURNAL. They have found this to be the case we believe and we feel satisfied that the small advance which we have made will not deter any from continuing their advertisement with us during the coming season. We may say that the yearly advertisers whose contracts do not expire until the end of volume 3 will be charged at the low rate until that date when the new price will come into force.