

Meeting of the Senate of Canadian Bee-Keepers.

WHAT has been facetiously termed the Senate of Canadian Bee-Keepers, held a very successful convention at the Court House in the City of Brantford, on Thursday and Friday, February 9th and 10th, 1899. The sessions commenced at 1.30 p. m. on the 9th, and concluded on Friday afternoon.

Among those present were Messrs. J. R. Fleming, Everett, Mich.; R. W. Roach, Little Britain; D. W. Heise, Bethesda; Jacob Alpaugh, Galt; J. Robinson, Hatchley; Alexander Taylor, Paris. W. Atkinson, Cheapside; F. J. Miller, London; John Armstrong, Cheapside; J. B. Spencer, Farmers' Advocate, London; Ira Michener, Low Banks; C. W. Park, Caledonia; W. J. Craig, Brantford; R. F. Holtermann, Brantford; Jas. J. Hurley, Brantford; L. Vansickle, Tranquility; F. J. Davis, Grandview; W. E. Young, Tilsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. David Papple, Cainsville; F. A. Gemmell, Stratford; A. Wilson, Langford; A. C. Phelps, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr Jacob Alpaugh was unanimously voted to the chair. Before anything further was done, Mr. Holtermann suggested that those present discuss questions. This was agreed to, and a list of questions prepared. The convention quickly got down to business, and everything went forward with a rush. The first question on the paper was

When to put out of Cellar, if Wintered Without Signs of Dysentery, or Restlessness?

The chairman called for a free expression of opinion from all the gentlemen present.

Mr. Robinson said he thought he would put them out as early in March as he could; just as soon as the fine days come,

no matter whether the snow is off the ground or not. He put them out as early as he could last year, the first day they could fly—he thought about the 6th—but you must put them under protection.

Mr. Miller—I like to set them out early if the weather is favorable. If snow surrounds the hive I wait till it goes, and prefer to have them in the cellar until the weather gives signs of being so that they will be able to fly. Sometimes they get out two or three times a week, sometimes every day.

Mr. Fleming—I do not take mine out until along in April; last year it was about the 22nd; there was nothing for them to get; there were no blossoms for them to work in.

Mr. Roach—I never was favorable to cellaring; mine are out on the summer stands all the time; I find that is one trouble—they fly sooner than I want them to; some sunny days they fly out, and perish.

Mr. Alpaugh—I have had two year's experience in cellaring; This last year I put mine out on the 15th of March; they got a good fly and did well afterwards. I don't think it was detrimental to them.

Mr. Holtermann—If bees are wintering all right, I don't think it does a bit of harm to leave them until the snow is well off the ground, but it is rarely indeed that the bees are wintering perfectly. I find generally that early in March some of them begin to break cluster a little, and for that reason I set them out just as early as they can get a good cleansing fly without dropping on the snow and chilling.

Mr. Alpaugh—I am not a cellar winterer now; at one time everybody advocated keeping them in, but finally I got to putting them out early, contrary to all theories, and I found they did all right; it seemed that the earlier I got them out the better they did; they were in better shape for the flow. If I put them out as