

Well now friends, you see we cannot hold them without taking the queens away. We are convinced it pays to re-queen, and if the queens are removed and allowed to hatch other queens during the honey season, there would be a good supply of honey, and the young queens would carry on a vigorous brood and give good account of themselves, the following spring. The apiarist who requeens his apiary every year will no doubt far surpass his neighbors in the result, that they will follow suit, we have sometimes had to give bees 10,000 cubic inches of space in order to keep them from swarming, but continuing to give them at the proper time sufficient room, it will prevent 95 per cent., if not more of an increase.

Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association.

The Haldimand Bee Keepers' Association met on Saturday, May 16th, at Nelles' Corners. The following members were present: Israel Overholt president, in the chair, and Messrs. Jas. Armstrong, Wm. Kindree, Owen Fathers, Jas. Caldwell, Henry Smith, M. Richardson, Wm. Best, J. Winger, D. Fry, G. H. Renner, Wm. Atkinson, W. Evans, R. Coverdale, Alex Stewart, E. Kindree, E. Gee, Frank Rose, R. F. Cunningham, D. H. High, and the Secretary.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

REPORT OF WINTERING.

Fall, '90, Spring, '91.

James Armstrong	130	125
Jas. Caldwell	40	36
Israel Overholt	31	30
W. Kindree	63	58
W. Best	38	32
M. Richardson	40	35
Owen Fathers	42	40
J. Winger	34	29
G. H. Renner	3	3
Henry Smith	8	5
Isaac G. Wismer	21	20
W. Atkinson	34	32
Robt. Coverdale	75	50
Alex. Stewart	3	3
D. H. High	11	10
E. Kindree	19	15
Asaalom Booker	25	22
E. C. Campbell	28	9
Ephraim Gee	15	15
Frank Rose	90	84
F. Mehlenbacher	40	35

R. F. Cunningham

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NATURAL VS. ARTIFICIAL SWARMING.

The president did not believe in artificial swarming, and gave several reasons for not following that practice, the chief one being that the queens raised by such colonies were not as good as those raised under the swarming impulse.

Mr. Armstrong favored artificial swarming, as by this means he could manipulate his colonies to the best advantage, but it was necessary that young queens should be on hand to give the new colony.

Mr. Kindree said he had tried both plans, and preferred natural swarming; he believed it was more profitable.

Mr. Smith favored natural swarming.

Mr. Richardson said he had some experience in both plans, and agreed with most of what Mr. Armstrong and others had said in favor of artificial swarming. His practice was in making a new colony to always give it a queen cell nearly ready to hatch.

Several members took part in the discussion at this point, and several good things were brought out.

Mr. Armstrong said, in answer to a question, that with him artificial swarming was the best.

SPREADING BROOD NESTS TO STIMULATE BREEDING.

The President thought that spreading the brood nests would stimulate brood rearing, but when he went to put it into practice it put him in mind of the boy that was sent to hoe corn, when he came to a good hill he said that was good enough, and when he came to a poor one, he said that was not worth hoeing, and he soon got over the field. It was the same way with the bees.

Mr. Armstrong said that when he commenced to keep bees he thought that he knew more than the queen did, and tried to make her lay more eggs by reversing combs and spreading brood nests, but now he thought the best way to stimulate breeding was to give the colonies plenty of food and the queen would lay eggs as fast as the bees could take care of them.

Mr. Kindree, Mr. Smith and Mr. Richardson agreed with the remarks made by Mr. Armstrong, and the next question was taken up.

HOW TO RAISE GOOD QUEENS.

The President preferred raising queens under the swarming impulse, as by this means the best queens were obtained.

Mr. Armstrong took his strongest hive to