

ANNUAL MEETING ONTARIO BEE-KEEPER'S ASSOCIATION.

Lindsay, Dec. 16th, 1873.

Editor Canadian Bee Journal :

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your card of the 14th inst., I would say that at the forthcoming meeting of O. B. A., papers are expected to be read by the following parties: R. F. Holterman, "How to make bee-keeping more profitable"; C. W. Post, "The management of out apiaries and shipping bees by rail in summer"; W. Z. Hutchinson, "Being stung" and R. H. Smith "Extracted Honey"; A. Pringle, J. E. Frith and A. Pickett, subjects not named. The meeting will continue for three days instead of two, as you have it in last C. B. J.

Hotel accommodations will be found at the Benson House and the Simpson House, the two best hotels in town at about \$1.00 per day. Programmes will be sent to the members before the meeting.

S. CORNEIL, Secy.

P. S.—I have no means of knowing who will be present.

[The above is in response to a request for full particulars and programme for publication in C. B. J. We charge nothing for inserting such information and always think conventions should be advertised to draw a crowd, if fifty would attend having railroad certificates the cost of attendance would be reduced very much. It is the uncertainty of having fifty attend and the scant advertizing of the convention which keeps many bee-keepers at home.—Ed.]

Haldimand Bee-Keepers' Association Annual Meeting.

The Haldimand Bee-keepers met at the court house, Cayuga, Dec. 16th. Amongst those present, Israel Overhold. Pres.: E. C. Campbell, secretary: Dr. W. H. Montague, M. P., J. R. Martin, Q. C., Wm. Kindree DeCewesville, F. A. Rose, W. D. Roulston, J. A. Bert, John Jack, Robt. Coverdale, Alex. Stewart, R. F. Holtermann.

Election of officers resulted as follows: F. A. Rose, president; Robt. Coverdale, vice-president; E. C. Campbell, secretary; Directors, Jas. Armstrong, J. H. Best, Wm. Kindree, Isreal Overholt, W. D. Roulston.

Auditors, John Jack and Alex. Stewart. Representative at Ontario Association, Israel Overhold.

An address from R. F. Holtermann, the subject being, "Drawbacks in Bee-keeping and how to overcome them." The latter part of the address was taken up

with the adulteration of honey and proposed legislation.

Dr. W. H. Montague M. P. was then called upon and gave a very interesting address showing that he was thoroughly alive to the importance of the bee-keeping industry. Reference will be made to his address in a future number.

A resolution was passed urging Dr. Montague to interest himself in the proposed legislation for the prevention of the production of so called "sugar honey" and the adulteration of honey. The member for Haldimand readily consented to do all in his power for bee-keepers. A resolution was passed condemning the late writings of W. F. Clarke upon bees and honey in the "Witness."

WINTERING BEES.

(For the Canadian Bee Journal)

FRIEND MILLER:—Answering your letter on page 111, C. B. J. I may say that you have a happy faculty of getting over grudes, if indeed you ever have any worth the name. I like that so much in you.

I read your letter with keen interest and by your permission shall point out where, *in my opinion*, your practice is at fault.

You understand the benefits that would accrue to your bees from top packing in cellar although you don't mention the fact that if the hives were so packed the temperature in the hives would be higher and this difference of temperature between hive air and cellar air would very much help the circulation through the hives, provided your hives were properly set and an opening provided at back of hives as well as in front.

I am sure it would pay you to put warm cushions, full size of covers on top of each hive and then place the next hive right square on top of that cushion and so on to the end.

I cannot help disagreeing with you when you say you "suspect the only harm of too much ventilation is lowering the temperature"

O! No that is not all the harm. Too much ventilation or rather more ventilation than they are used to disturbs them and makes them noisy for a time but under the change they soon become quiet, but pretty soon after the wind abates another change occurs and the bees are again disturbed and again become noisy—two disquietudes—two injuries inflicted.

Such changes in my bee cellar would disturb me not a little, and disturb my sleep at night.