

ture being 38 to 45 degrees. Then care should be taken to protect the colonies against mice. If they once get into the hives the bees are soon destroyed. To guard against this a wire netting should be placed over the entrance; or what is good and very effective, keep a cat in the bee cellar.

The most satisfactory way to keep bees out of doors was shown to be by using the chaff hive; when again in some places with a southerly slope and sheltered, bees winter well in ordinary hives. But an early flight of bees should always be guarded against. An excellent winter food for bees is two pounds granulated sugar to one pound of water, with a small portion of clover honey, in the preparation of which great care should be taken, as if allowed to burn and given to the bees death is sure to follow.

A question was asked as regards the best book for beginners. Root's A. B. C. of bee keeping and Hutchinson's Advance were recommended.

One of the objects of this association is to manufacture pure honey and thus obtain a reputation for an article that will induce the people to buy nothing but pure honey, a vast amount of which is made through a chemical process. Retail buyers often think that honey that will granulate in jars is not pure, which is a sad mistake, as pure honey will do so much quicker than the spurious article. Another object is to make an average reasonable price for honey and make a demand for it. In the market at present the supply is not enough for the demand, considerable being imported from Ontario, as high as two tons being bought by a Halifax firm at one time, when at the same time this firm admitted the flavor and quality of native honey to be far better than the imported.

An association brand was suggested by W. C. Balcom, and that all members use it, making the label attractive, and thus enabling buyers to know when they were getting the pure article.

In selecting hives great care should be taken. Get one good style and use no other. Too many different kinds of hives necessitate more attention than is required. Fine samples of honey were shown from the apiaries of Rodrick McLean, Hopewell, and C. F. Elderkin, Wolfville, the flavor of which was much appreciated by those present.

As this association welcome all within its walls, we hope for a large attendance at next meeting, when the following subjects will be discussed:

1. How does bee keeping compare with other pursuits for a living?

2. Should a beginner procure bees in box hives and transfer them; if so, how many; how to transfer?

3. What are the essential points in locating an apiary?

The meeting closed again to meet in December.

SWEET C—L—N, THE HONEY MAN.

Oh, C—li—n, the taffy man—
He deals in honey by the can,
No matter how he gets it.
He orders by the hundred pounds
From all the little towns around;
But pay—he never does it.

CHORUS—Oh C—li—n, the goody man,
He buys his honey by the can;
And, when you ask him for the
pay,
Says, "Call again some other
day!"

Sometimes he buys it by the crate,
Then leaves his gillies to their fate;
For, chink, they cannot get it.
His tongue, like nectar, is so sweet,
His smiles are coy, and so discreet,
But the needful he don't give it.

With tempting bait and fluent pen,
He next secures another gem,
For honey he must have it;
No matter how, or when, or where.
Why need he cry or even care.
Whose money is not in it.

He cares not for a public "Ad";
Such things can never make him sad.
Oh, no; it is not in him;
"Give me," says he, "a little more,
"I'm C—li—n unto the core,"
For shame it is not in him.

So he sits down to take a rest.
Palls down his empty shoddy vest,
Then laughs and says "how funny";
That he has bought so many sweets,
For *free* and friends to have a treat.
And all without the money.

Pass him around, ye nectar men,
Or run him in a private den,
Where money is not in it;
Yes, make him feel that we are real.
Can hug him close and make him squeal,
There's nothing else within him.

VICTIMIZED APIARIST.

We have read with much pleasure the proceedings of the Convention held at Wolfville, N.S., on 5th January last, and trust the Nova-scotia Beekeepers' Association will be a successful and useful Institute.