

no joints like the hornet. It is made to suck and not to bite and after close observation and repeated experiments it has been found that when bees are discovered helping themselves to ripe fruit that the skins had been ruptured by the weather or from over ripeness, or that a hornet or wasp or bird had first been the depredators. After the skins have been broken from any cause, if there is a scarcity of honey, the bees always anxious to be doing something endeavor to share the plunder. Therefore, as to the bees injuring fruit, I as their attorney shall claim to the jury that the charges are not proven.

Moved by Mr. John Morgan, seconded by Mr. J. Husband that a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring officers. Pres., Vice-Pres. and Sec., also to Master Byron Aches for reading so nicely the essay of his father—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Aches, that a vote of thanks be tendered, the Town Council for the free use of the hall this day to hold our meeting in.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that next year the business be done in the morning, roll called at ten o'clock then the afternoon will be taken up in discussion on various subjects and reading of papers, etc.

Meeting then adjourned to meet in Parkhill at the call of Secy.-Treas.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS:

S. BRAMELL—I like the C.B.J. very much and it is a great disappointment to go to the post office and not get it. In the fall of 1888 I put 22 hives into winter quarters and brought out 21. One left the hive during winter, one was robbed in the spring so I commenced with twenty.—14 in good shape, 6 not so good; I took 980 lbs. extracted and comb but had only two swarms. All in capital condition and doing well.

REPORT FROM NORTHUMBERLAND.

GEO. A. GUNNER.—I placed 32 colonies in the cellar in fall of '87, the spring of '88 found all alive and having lost but few bees during the winter; lost two colonies before the season began increased to 42 all with the exception of two with plenty of stores when put in the cellar. I took 600 lbs. of comb honey and 300 lbs. of extracted. This, I think, is good considering the very poor season.

Colborne P. O., Northumberland Co., Ont.

BEEES BOTHERED WITH DYSENTERY.

J. T. SWITZER—I have nothing of much interest to offer there being neither increase or surplus the last season. I am wintering in the cellar. My bees seem to be restless for a few weeks back. The fronts of some of the hives are becoming spotted and dirty. I put ten hives out on Saturday 16th inst. and gave them

a flight. Those ten have settled down very quietly since. Would it not be advisable to put them all out some fine day and let them have a cleansing flight. I think it would. I am only a beginner in the business and have everything to learn in bee-keeping on scientific principles. But I have always been used to bees in the old fashioned gums. I read the C. B. J. with a great deal of interest and through it I have become interested in the art of bee-keeping. Wishing the JOURNAL a successful career.

Lisgar, March 18th, 1889.

It would be advisable to give the rest of your colonies a cleansing flight—they are troubled with dysentery. The first fine day, when the wind is in the south, set them out for a short time. Return them before the temperature changes and becomes colder.

TWO-QUEENS IN ONE HIVE.

At a recent meeting of the Kent (Eng.) Bee-Keepers Association a member made this report:—At Faversham I met with a singular case of two queens living amicably in one hive. A Ligurian queen was given to the stock in 1886, which laid remarkably well that season. But the next spring was not satisfactory, and Mr. Ivory (the owner) noticed royal cells were being raised, with the result that about June 1887 a young queen was hatched; during the season several times after he saw both queens. When I examined the stock on the 20th April this year, I found a queen, and made the remark to him she appeared to be an old one, he at once exclaimed, "She is an old one, and you will find the other some where there." And sure enough, presently I saw the daughter, the very picture of what a queen should be,—active, vigorous, and depositing eggs as rapidly as one could wish. Mr. Ivory was sure they had been in that hive for eight or nine months, and I have no doubt they had.—*The British Bee Journal*.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

BUYING DARK HONEY.

We are in receipt of quite a large number of letters offering to exchange Basswood and other dark honeys for supplies, but the honey is generally held at such a price as to make it impossible for us to effect the change and save ourselves. We have been paying 12 cents per pound for bright clear honey delivered at Beeton, in exchange for goods, and this is the utmost we can expect to get for it ourselves besides the trouble of re-packing and liquifying (for we have many customers who don't want to go to the trouble of liquifying the honey on arrival, preferring that we should do it for them) and then we very often have to wait months to get our pay. So the only profit we make out of the transaction is what we get from the supplies. If we got the honey at a price that would enable us to make a little profit both ways we wouldn't