There is not a great deal of alsike cultivated here. It was partly winter killed but not as much as the red and white, but it suffered from drouth and the flow was scant. I think alsike should be cultivated by all bee-keepers; I am going to sow twelve acres with timothy this spring. Basswood followed alsike with grand prospects of a heavy yield. and we made big preparations for it, but our hopes were blasted again, as it only lasted four days, being cut short by the hot sun and drouth. Another rest and a little more stealing. Our fall flow was good and gave the bees plenty to winter on and a little surplus. I wintered forty-one colonies in '86 and '87 and worked principally for comb on the W. Z. Hutchinson plan and think it will work well when there is any honey to get. I only got about 400 lbs. of medium well filled sections of basswood and 200 lbs. extracted As I said before the fall flow was good, bees coming in with honey during the last of October even after light frosts. I kept back October even after light frosts. swarming all I could, increased to double, so that I now have eighty colonies wintering in clamps packed, in chaff from six to eight inches with the Hill device on top and a half story filled with dry leaves. No upward draft plenty of air from below, protected with straw in cold weather. We have had no extreme cold here yet, it has only been down to zero once, in general ranging between freezing and five above zero. I cannot say I made much out of my bees this year as I bought \$120 worth of supplies and sold \$60 worth of honey so that leaving out the increase I would be in debt \$60 besides lumber and nails to build clamps for forty colonies but I don't mind if the bees pass through the winter and spring all right.

Convention Notices.

Stony Point, Ont.

WELLAND COUNTY BEE-KEEPERS' CONVENTION.

As nearly all the friends who have signified their willingness to help organise the proposed convention for Welland county, live nearer Ridgeway than Welland, the county town, the committee in charge have decided to hold the first meeting at the Town Hall, Ridgeway, on Monday, Feb. 20th, 1888 All are cordially invited. Morning session from 10.30 to 12.00, afternoon from 1.30 to 5 p.m. A good program is being prepared. If you have anything of interest to bee-keepers either in bee fixtures or good ideas bring them along. J. F. DUNN, Secretary. Ridgeway, Ont.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

We have a special offer to make to our present subscribers. It is one which we should advise all who want to take advantage of it to take the chance while it is offered. You all know how nice it is to have a nicely printed note head and envelope for your correspondence. It gives you a business standing, which blank paper and envelopes never can. Now, then, to all those who send in their renewals for the JOURNAL for another year we will forward by mail, post paid, 250 note heads and 250 envelopes—200d paper and nice large envelopes—for 75c. That is \$1.75 will procure your renewal for another year and the paper and envelopes printed as advertised. If sent for by themselves the latter are worth **\$1.00**.

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During last season we printed quite a large number of catalogues and price lists for bee keepers, and we believe that in every instance the work as well as the price gave satisfaction; We have much better facilities now than we had at that time for turning out work, and we shall be happy to quote prices to any who may be requiring circulars. All we want is the privilege of estimating, and we will then leave the matter with the customer. We generally get up a sample circular (in black them) with the customer. We generally get up a sample circular (in blank form) showing the style and quality of paper which we quote price for, and we always allow the free use of any cuts or illustrations which have ever appeared in either the C.B.J. or our catalogue. Give us an idea of what you want and we will try and send a sample of it with prices.

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