

From the report of the convention appearing in the Farmer's Advocate of Nov. 19 we clip the following: "The uncapping machine is recommended by those who have tried it as being not only a saving of time, but a means of keeping combs perfectly straight." There is no mention of Mr. Bayless' name, who is the inventor of this new article. Singular, isn't it? * * *

Mr. Hershiser's paper on "Measures to Prevent Swarming" is a good one, and will be found in another column in this issue. He believes in young and vigorous queens, not only for crop-gathering, but also as a measure to prevent swarming. Regarding the two-queen plan he says: "I believe, it has been claimed that a swarm will not issue from a hive containing two or more queens, but I believe many bee-keepers will agree with me that we need first to know how—with precision and little labor and expense—we may be able to supply and have our colonies accept two or more queens before we will be able to determine whether this plan is successful when extensively applied." Just so. We need to know a lot more than we do know; and we venture the opinion that very little is known—and that little impracticable—regarding this plural queen plan.

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The resolution adopted making ineligible for office those who have held the office of Director for the period of five years was, in our humble opinion, a mistake. Every member ought to be, and is, eligible for office who is duly nominated and elected thereto. The members ought to be—and are, notwithstanding this resolution, as we believe it to be not worth the paper it is written upon—free to make any selection for officers they see fit. No public gathering of the kind can disfranchise itself nor disqualify any member for office. The resolution went through without discussion, because many of the members, while recognizing its object, thought it better to treat it with silence and preserve the peace

of the Association; but we think when the members fully realize the mistake they made it will not long stand upon record. Any member insisting upon his rights could easily make the resolution a nullity. Imagine our losing the services of a man like Mr. Couse, and putting the ban upon him because he acted as Secretary or Director for five years! And what about Mr. Hodgetts? Will he get his walking ticket at the end of five years? Imagine the Provincial Legislature passing a resolution that Cabinet Ministers will only be eligible for Cabinet positions for five years! It is a pity that this resolution was not moved by he who conceived it, instead of an innocent party, who perhaps was unconscious of the hidden purpose of official assassination by its designer. Let our officers be elected according to their value, ability and capacity for service to the Association, and let it be open and above-board.

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Black brood, or "European foul brood," came in for a considerable degree of discussion. This is what Mr. Byer found in Eastern Ontario. It appears that it is first found in queen bee's cells after being capped and are overdue to hatch, in which case the queen is always found dead. It is similarly found in drone brood. The worker brood is restless and apparently in pain, and after the eighth day a brownish spot appears about the centre. It soon dies and settles down to the bottom of the cell in a foul mass. If the larva lives to be capped, we have the symptoms of American foul brood, without the ropiness or the odor. It appears similar to pickled brood, except that in the latter the skin of the dead larva stands up as a dry shell. Mr. House says that when this disease appears it is a good plan to replace all black queens by Italians. The Italians seem to be better able to combat and overcome the disease. If discovered before honey flow the McEvoy treatment will remove it. It is said to be very rapid in its destructive course.