

instruments and implements used in their production. The idea of the Department is that an annual educational fair might be inaugurated to benefit these industries somewhat along the same line as the live stock show which is held annually at Guelph.

The matter was brought before the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Trenton meeting by Professor C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and was very favorably received; in consequence the next annual meeting was decided to be held in Toronto, the date to be fixed by the Executive in conjunction with the Executives of the other Associations interested. The arrangement we think is an excellent one; apart from value as an advertisement it will give Bee-Keepers and Fruit Growers an opportunity of discussing their differences and mutual interests.

General heavy winter losses in bees wintered outside. In Quebec and Northern Ontario where the bee-keepers are accustomed to severe winters and prepare their bees accordingly they fared better.

We understand that the amendments to the Foul Brood Act will not be brought before the Provincial House this session. We hope to be able to publish these amendments in an early issue of the C. B. J.

Prof. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture speaking at the Trenton Convention paid the following high compliment to the intelligence of the meeting.—

"I have enjoyed your meeting and the flow of eloquence we heard this afternoon was quite refreshing. We do not meet with that very often in our Conventions. I did not know there was so much dormant eloquence in this society and it has certainly been raised in my estimation very much indeed. You have got the energy here if you only use it in the right direction."

Out of 80 colonies, have only lost two, and not more than six at all weak; the best I have had for years. There are many reports, however, of heavy losses, as high as 70 per cent. Most of the losses are where the parties are very careless in putting their bees away.

WM. HARTRY,  
Seaforth Ont.

Took bees out of cellar Wednesday 23rd March, mostly in good condition, none dead. Outside bees only fair, 5 per cent dead.

MORLEY PETTIT,  
Belmont Out.

Bees in this vicinity are not through with the winter yet, prospects anything but bright. One year ago to-day (April 2nd) mine were bringing in pollen, to-day there is from 1 to 2 feet of snow in the yard. In a few days it will be five months since my bees had a fly.

SAMUEL WOOD,  
Nottawa Ont.

The bees in this district are going to come out very late and I think from all accounts with heavy losses in many instances. Have heard of several bee-keepers having lost a number by starvation in the cellar.

J. C. MACCALLUM,  
Lochabor Bay, Que.