

details and shipping instructions crowded in; half-sheets of flimsy note paper, written on both sides, with hardly room for a signature; a request scrawled in pencil on a bit of newspaper about a consignment, etc., etc., and a fair proportion of business-like communications, post size.

What we would recommend is that every bee-keeper, great or small should provide himself with proper writing paper of good quality, having his name, business and address printed at the top. A blank margin at the left hand side proves a help, to get an order filled quickly, for the supply dealer or his chief of department, makes his memorandum thereon. Not seldom, these letters are left unsigned, which causes delay and sometimes trouble. Now if the bee-keeper's name and address were at the top of his letter, the omission of his signature would not be much matter. Such a printed heading need not cost more than \$1.25 per thousand for envelopes, or \$1.50 per thousand for paper, so that such a business-like convenience as we have described can be had have at the rate of a cent for six sheets.

#### Government Returns.

THE November Bulletin of the Bureau of Industries contains only a short report of the honey yield of the Province for the season, of 1889. It says:

"The reports concerning the apiary are, upon the whole, very favorable." Not a single correspondent has made mention of any disease among bees. Notwithstanding the cold weather of the latter part of May, and the wet and backward state of the first half of June, the honey product for the year has been very good, averaging about 75 lbs., per colony, spring count, and covering a range of from 25 to 250 lbs. for each original hive. The bees will go into winter quarters with an abundance of supplies. Swarming was very successful, stocks, as a rule being doubled. Some apiarists report that there was too much swarming with a certain class of bee-keepers for good wintering, as some in the business trebled and quadrupled their stands. The market for honey has been good, the product being generally taken up at satisfactory prices.

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#### The Coming Ontario Convention:

Pressure on our space compells us to barely mention this week the coming annual meeting of the O. B. K. A. at Belleville, Jan. 8th and 9th. We trust there will be a grand turn out for the programme promises to be unusually interesting.

#### CONVENTION NOTICES

The next annual meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers Association will be held in the city of Belleville on the second Wednesday and Thursday, 8th and 9th, of January 1890. All members are respectfully requested to be present. There will be a good programme prepared.

Railroad certificates for reduced rates will be sent to any persons desiring to attend the meetings if they will apply for them. W. Coats, secretary, Streetsville.

The annual meeting of the Oxford B. K. Association will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 1889, commencing at 10 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Woodstock. A cordial invitation to all interested in Bee-keeping. Members bring statistics for filling out annual report. J. E. Frith, Secretary.

#### MICHIGAN STATE BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The 24th annual meeting of this Association will be held at Lansing in the Capital building, on Dec. 26 and 27.

Reduced rates have been secured at the Hudson House. Half fare on nearly all railroads. A few roads charge one and one-third fare for the round trip.

Several very interesting papers have been promised from our leading apiarists.

The question box will be one of the important features. Come prepared to ask and answer questions. A cordial invitation is extended to all. H. D. CUTTING, Sec.

Clinton, Mich., Dec. 1, 1889.

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