BRANT COUNTY BEE-KEEPERS MEET

The semi-annual meeting of the Brant County Bee-keepers' Association was held in the Court House, Brantford, Ont., on Saturday afternoon, May 30th. There was a fair attendance of members and others. Mr. Chris. Edmondson, President of the Association, occupied the chair. Reports showed considerable winter losses and a good many weak colonies, but a favorable spring had assisted much in building up the stocks. The special feature was an address on "Management From Now Until the End of the Honey Season," by Mr. F. J. Miller, of London, who was delegated by the Department of Agriculture as one of the leading bee-keepers to give addresses at local association meetings. Among the things dealt with by Mr. Miller was the clipping of queens in winter cases before setting out the hives in spring. In connection with this work, Mr. Miller spoke of his success in finding the queen under the cover by smoking through the entrance. Brood-rearing should be stimulated as much as possible by keeping an abundance of unsealed stores in the hives, and for this frequent examination should be made. For the best results Mr. Miller advised that all queens that have passed two winters should be replaced by young ones. Mr. Miller's address was received with much interest, and the action of the Department of Agriculture in supplying such men to meet with local associations was much appreciated.

A resolution thanking the Department for this and their assistance to the industry generally was passed at the close of the meeting.

A GREAT ART LOAN COLLECTION

One of the great pictures to be on view at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, this year, will be Lady Butler's celebrated painting, "Scotland Forever," showing the Scots Greys in full charge. Other pictures will be from the famous Pisani Gallery in Florence, Italy, and the best Art Galleries of Europe. Mr. A. G. Temple, Director of the Guildhall School of Art, has the choosing of the pictures in hand, and he has written to Dr. Orr, the Manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, saying that the collection he proposes to send to Canada will exceed in value and art worth anything that has ever left the shores of Britain on a similar mission.

LIVE BEE DEMONSTRATIONS

Few things will attract and hold a crowd better than the handling of bees in a wire cloth cage. A good demonstrator can do very effective missionary work at such times, or, if at fair, large quantities of honey may be sold at such demonstrations. Of course, to a bee-keeper, the handling of bees is no novelty, but not every one of us knows how to handle bees in a cage in the most successful and agreeable, vet novel manner, hence it will be interesting to know that E. R. Root has consented to bring a cage to the National convention, and give an actual demonstration of how he makes this exhibition.

ATTRACTIVE FLORAL DESIGNS

One of the prime attractions at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, this year, will be in the Agricultural Building, when it is expected some of the most elaborate designs in plants and flowers will be on view. The Committee of Management have decided to give \$1,100 in prizes for the best design, to cover not more than five hundred square feet.

The weekly report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, No. 232, announces that a firm of general broken and importers in Leeds would like to hear from Canadian exporters of honey. When writing the Department for all dress, refer to No. 970.

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