

INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN BEE ASSOCIATION.

BEST CONVENTION IN THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE twentieth annual meeting of the International American Bee Association was held, pursuant to notice, in the commodious hall named after the well known Reformer of olden times—Wycliffe—in the city of Brantford, on the 5th, 6th and 7th insts. All the readers of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will remember our promises to our American brethren—that we should give them a right royal reception, and well were the promises, which we made on behalf of the bee keepers of Ontario, sustained. The meeting was the best ever held under the auspices of the International Association, and at the same time one of the most pleasant and profitable.

The first session was held on the 5th inst. at 1.30 p. m., when the roll-call found the following present:

Dr. A. B. Mason, President, Auburn-dale, Ohio.

R. F. Holterman, Secretary, Romney, Ont.

M. Emigh, Holbrook, Ont.

Geo. H. Ashley, Albion, N. Y.

Prof. A. J. Cook, Lansing, Mich.

Hon. R. L. Taylor, Lapeer, Mich.

F. H. Macpherson, Beeton, Ont.

Rev. W. F. Clark, Guelph, Ont.

A. Pickett, Nasageway, Ont.

F. A. Gemmell, Stratford, Ont.

Wm. Spedding, Clifford, Mich.

Mark Tovell, Guelph, Ont.

H. J. Beam, Cheapside, Ont.

Fergus McMaster, St. Mary's Ont.

C. Flanders, Boston, Mass.

O. L. Hershisser, Buffalo, N. Y.

Enos Roseburgh, Branchton, Ont.

J. H. Morris, Hatchley, Ont.

Geo. Sturgeon, Kincardine, Ont.

Andrew Johnston, Stratford, Ont.

Jas. Armstrong, Cheapside, "

J. B. Hall, Woodstock, Ont.

Wm. Goodyear, " "

Jno. Newton " "

Ja ob Alpaugh, St. Thomas, Ont.

D. Anguish, Brantford, Ont.

W. A. Chrysler, Chatham, Ont.

N. Smith, Tilbury Centre, Ont.

Thos. Conway, Eramosa, "

J. Hislop, Strasburg, Ont.

T. Ruddell, Oustic, Ont.

R. L. Patterson, Lynden, Ont.

G. W. Barber, Hartford Ont.

T. Birket, Brantford, Ont.

Jno. Yoder, Springfield, Ont.

Wm. Hill, St. Thomas, Ont.

Chas. Brown, Drumquin, Ont.

J. A. Burrows, Drayton, Ont.

S. A. Dickie, Brantford, "

R. L. Meade, Nassageway, Ont.

C. McNally, Simcoe, Ont.

Arthur Laing, Acton, Ont.

Dr. A. E. Harvey, Wyoming, Ont.

M. B. Holmes, Delta Ont.

Rev. E. W. Panton, Stratford, Ont.

E. Schultz, Kilworthy, Ont.

and a large number of others, between 80 and 90 in all.

After the reception of new members and the roll-call, the convention got right down to business, and the first paper presented was one by the editor of the *American Bee Journal*, Mr. Thos. G. Newman, on

Disposing of the Honey Crop.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Yankee, down East, who has given the subject allotted to me briefly, to discuss, a thorough study, got up a placard for his salable honey, which read like this. "Hot Rolls and Honey will Draw Human Flies." This he placed up over an attractive display of honey, where it was kept for sale. It was put up in the nicest shape, each package was done up in white tissue paper, and put in "cartons" having nice labels printed in two colors, and little string handles, all ready to be purchased and taken home safely as well as conveniently.

It is no wonder that he never had a surplus crop of honey left on his hands? The cry always was for more—no matter how much was produced.

We have in North America nearly a hundred millions to feed. If we divide the honey crop evenly among those, in the United States and Canada, who are hungering for a pure sweet, it will give them but a small taste indeed. If it was placed within reach of all, the whole crop would not last over 20 days. All that is needed is even distribution, an attractive articles and a diffusion of knowledge concerning its consumption and value as a food and for medicinal purposes, and recipes for its use.

To place 100 "Honey Almanacs" with the honey producers' name and address on them in any town, would sell all that can be produced near it, if the article be put up in attractive packages.