

doubling back, etc. In case swarms are hived on empty frames then the saving in foundation should be divided between us. I would never give bees on shares and the increase to be divided. I am afraid there would be trouble sooner or later. The wax is divided equally. I bear the expense of keeping hives in repair such as painting, etc. As they are mine, it is only right I should either do this or pay for having it done. When agreement ceases, the other party has to give back the same number of colonies as received or allow \$1 for every one short, the same as allowed for the increase. For example, I give a party fifty colonies say in May, 1901. We increase to seventy-five and I pay the other party \$25, but should he wish to give them up and in May of some following year the agreement closes, but it is found that there are only 60 colonies that have wintered over. There would then be coming to me \$15. In case party wanted to give up in the fall, there should be some understanding such as allowances for winter losses. This could be easily arranged for by wintering over a few extra, but all must average 25 pounds winter stores or its equivalent in cash. We endeavor to deal only with honest men and rather leave the dividing up with them. When I was out west a year ago, a friend remarked he was very busy. He said it kept him all his time going to his different farms to see that he was getting his share. It is hardly necessary to say we do not do that with bees. If you cannot trust your man better work your bees yourself.

Brussels, Ont.

Brant Bee-Keepers Meet.

The Brant County Bee-Keepers' Association met in the Court House, Brantford, on Saturday afternoon,

November 29th.

Reports from members preparatory to forwarding same to the secretary of the Ontario Association were received and showed a very ordinary season. Messrs. R. F. Holtermann, Alex. Taylor and Jas. H. Shaver were appointed delegates to the Ontario Association Convention to be held in Barrie, December 16th, 17th and 18th, and the following officers were elected for the current year:—President, Alex. Taylor, Paris; vice-president, Jas. H. Shaver, Cainsville; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Craig, Brantford.

After the business of the meeting was transacted a number of bee-keeping topics were discussed, among them that of a honey association or "exchange" as it is being called, for Ontario, and what should be the attitude of the delegates as representing the Brant County Society. It was conceded by the majority of those present that such an organization is necessary and that its formation should be encouraged and supported but that the success of the scheme when floated would largely depend on the capability of those placed in management. Few bee keepers would care to place their product in the hand of an individual or individuals not capable of disposing of it to as good advantage as themselves.

A question on the advantage of membership in the National Bee-Keepers' Association occupied considerable time; most of the members considered that such membership guaranteed all the privileges and protection accorded Americans in case of law suits, etc. Some doubts, however, were reflected regarding this point owing to reported difficulties in securing costs for defendants in the bee case of Brock vs. Patterson. The matter will probably be further referred to and discussed at the meeting of the Ontario Association.