

Seventy pounds and 60 pounds were their weights to go into winter quarters besides. The same one and queen was occupying two stories of nine inch frame, Jones size other ways, ten days ago. Before giving the second story they hung out, covering the entire front of hive, hanging from the quilt fully an inch thick. And this is not the best. Another hung-out nearly as much and has been occupying the second story since May 9th.

Another thing I did not spread the frames at all, but left them at brooding distance, consequently I have not had to disturb them more than to give any that needed it, a frame of honey from a strong one. On setting them out, several were heavy enough to begin winter again.

On the 10th of May I had a look at the back of all and was surprised to find the winter complement of combs about eight or nine in several were fully occupied and they were building new comb behind the division board, while the old comb cells were being lengthened, all nice and white and filling up with honey; it looked grand. The best season for a long while, that is the spring is.

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FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Welland County Bee-Keepers' Association.

THE spring meeting of the above association took place at the time advertised and in the Town Hall, Niagara Falls South.

Attendance fair, but not as large as was expected owing no doubt to two poor seasons in succession which dampened the ardor of some who were once ardent devotees of this fascinating and usually profitable pursuit.

After the meeting was called to order President Herber took the chair.

The minutes of previous meeting and financial statement of the sec.-treas. was read and declared correct.

Election of officers.—H. N. Herber was re-elected President, U. Bowen elected Vice-President, J. F. Dunn re-elected sec'y-treas.

Considerable discussion then took place on queen excluding honey-boards. All members who had given them a fair trial were loud in their praise and were of the opinion that their use in no way interfered with the amount of honey stored in the combs. Bee-feeders claimed a good share of attention. Mr. Wil Ellis nails rough boxes together, takes no pains to make good joints; waxes the joints if they are not close; pours in feed; throws some grass on top

and then places in top story over brood-chamber.

R. Richardson prefers to pour the feed right in the combs. U. Bowen uses and prefers the Dr. Miller T super feeder. He feeds up his bees early in fall; never later than Sept. 15th.

A member introduced the subject of foundation in brood-chamber. Will Ellis preferred full sheets and knew it paid him to use them, but he knew two men in Lincoln who made a great success of starters. Mr. Bowen thought that colonies having old queens should have full sheets and those with young queens starters. Will Ellis moved 20 colonies to the edge of a large area of buckwheat and it paid him well. He thought they should be moved as close as possible to the forage. The Secretary thought that bees enjoyed a flight after stores. Adjoining his apiary there is a large vacant lot that in early spring at a time when nothing else was to be had was nearly covered with dandelions. A person would think there should be two or three bees on every flower but scarcely a bee could be seen working on them. A mile or so away they could be seen in full force working on scattering dandelions.

A discussion then followed on bees, the state of the honey market, &c., after which it was decided to hold the next meeting in the town of Welland sometime during the early part of 1890.

J. F. DUNN, Sec.-treas.

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Report for May from Dufferin County.

I GAIN I send you report for past month. We had some very hot weather the first part of the month; the bees built up fast and gathered honey rapidly from the willows, in fact they were crowding the queens so much that it was necessary to extract from 44 colonies. I extracted an average of 12 pounds per colony, but the flavor is poor. The weather the past two weeks has been cool and wet, scarcely a day fit to examine bees. We have had two very sharp frosts; yesterday morning, 29th inst., ice was formed a quarter inch thick; leaves and young shoots on ash trees are black; even clover is drooping. At present writing we have had a steady fall—rain and snow—for 24 hours: clover, with the exception of being nipped with frost, is looking splendid, and prospects for a good yield are excellent, if we get suitable weather.

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