

Now open the entrance about 4 inches and give a little more smoke and a little more rapping, and in one minute from opening entrance, open the hive and go on with your work just as though nothing out of the ordinary had occurred and all is serene. But if other hives were participating in the fracas, they should also have been closed at first and given smoke on opening. The cases are exceedingly rare where any rapping is necessary, but it does no harm and makes your conquest more complete.

To the second question nine answer in the affirmative. Now, with due respect, I must say that these answers surprise me not a little, for when the hive or hives can be quickly closed, I question if ever there was a case where the bees became "unmanageable" except in cases like that of R. L. Taylor's, where the number was too great to be promptly operated upon. In that case his advice is good to let them cool down. Three minutes of proper treatment, I believe, will conquer the worst case imaginable and render the bees perfectly tractable and also soften their temper for the future.

Belmont, Ont., Dec. 17th 1891.

### Annual Meeting of Ontario Bee-Keeper's Association, Stratford.

STREETSVILLE, Dec 4th, 1891.

Editor CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL:

Dear Sir,—I have replies from all parties asked to take part in the programme of our annual meeting which will be held in the County Council Chambers of the Court House at Stratford on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of January, 1895.

All persons interested in bee-keeping are cordially invited to attend. The probabilities are there will be one of the best conventions in Stratford that the association has held. There have been quite a number of persons consent to take part in the programme which is as follows:

The Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture,—an address. Evening of 23rd.

J. K. Darling, Almonte, "Some Difficulties."

R. F. Holtermann, Vice-Pres. O. B. K. A. and Pres. North American B. K. Assn., will give a lecture on the evening of the 23rd illustrated by lime light views, subject, "Bee-Keeping, Flowers and Honey."

W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich., editor Review, "Will the Future of Bee-Keeping Differ from the Past."

E. K. Root, Medina, Ohio editor of Gleanings in Bee Culture, subject not yet known.

President Pickett, an address.

R. McKnight will assist in making the evenings pleasant by an address or something instructive. Allen Pringle will read a paper on "Education." A. E. Sherrington will read a paper on "Conventions." Messrs. John Myers and F. A. Gommell, Stratford, will read papers or give addresses.

Arrangements have been made with the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, the best in the city, at \$1.00 per day.

#### REDUCED RAILROAD RATES.

Arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railroad for reduced rates upon the following terms. Those coming to the convention purchase full fare single tickets to Stratford and at the same time ask the agent for a railroad certificate. Upon the certificate being properly filled out by the secretary and fifty having purchased tickets to Stratford, the return fare will be one-third single fare. If less than fifty have purchased tickets, the return fare will be two-thirds single fare. So nothing can be lost by buying the tickets in the above manner and it appears to be certain much will be gained.

Members will please remit to my address their renewal fee of \$1.00 at their earliest convenience and also any person wishing to join the association will please forward one dollar. By giving the above insertion in THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, you will oblige,

Yours truly,

WM. COUSE,

Sec. Ontario Bee-keepers' Assn.

[The directors' meeting will be held at 9.30 a. m. of the 22nd. Meeting of members at the close of the directors' meeting, so the President writes.—Ed.]

### An Offer Notice.

We are prepared to make the following liberal offer, but only for a limited time. THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, Gleaning in Bee Culture and Root's A B C of Bee Culture, in cloth, post paid from Medina, Ohio, \$2.50. The above, only the book parchment bound, \$2.80. Or THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL one year and above book in cloth, \$1.75, in parchment \$1.55. Of course we are prepared to supply the above book from our office in cloth at the usual price \$1.25, post paid. This is a good offer and should be appreciated.

A little bit of advertising,

A little printers' ink,

Will weld a chain of patronage,  
Link by link.