

for the meeting of that society is to be fixed by the executive committee.

QUESTION BOX.

The question box contained several questions as follows: "What occupation can be combined with bee-keeping and not conflict with it? What is the best method of wintering bees—in cellar or out doors? How can the marketing of honey be controlled, so as to prevent the unposted bee-keeper from ruining the market for others?" These were discussed by Messrs. Deer, Edmiston, Cutting, Stevenson, Hubbard and other members. Mr. Deer combined poultry with bee-keeping, and found it worked very well, and he found it kept him busy as there was plenty of work to do, but could manage them quite satisfactorily. Horticulture was found to work quite well in connection with bee-keeping, if strawberries be excluded, as they ripen at the busiest time with the bees. Proper protection on the summer stand seemed to be the preferable way for wintering, but a proper cellar was not without its advantages. Changeable weather in spring, after bees are put out, was the main objection to cellar wintering; if wintered in cellar they should be kept there as late as possible without injury to the bees, (or as long as they can be kept quiet), to avoid chilling of brood by early spring changes. All agreed that protection was necessary. Mr. Edmiston and Mr. Deer spoke in favor of the chaff hive, and said that bees wintered as well or better in them than any other way. Pres. Elect Stevenson, gave his mode of preparation for winter, which was to thoroughly protect them on all sides and on top by an outer box with cover, allowing a space for dry packing material, and fix them up early or before cold weather sets in. The question of marketing honey was discussed in a lively manner by several interested members.

Mr. Deer stated that he had bought up honey that was in good condition for market and on the market in his place at a much less price than honey could be bought of posted bee men. He bought of store-keepers at their price, and shipped to other markets, showing that the honey was sold by the producer at a far less price than it was worth; thus his local market was rid of the surplus honey that the unposted bee-keeper had parted with, unconscious or regardless of its value, and at the same time it opened a way for his own product at something near its value. Mr. Cleghorn favored the appointment of a good business man to look the markets over, and open up avenues by which the honey in the district might be disposed of. Mr. Armstrong also favored Mr. Cleghorn's plan.

Ex-Pres. Howes illustrated how certain parties not posted, brought their honey to market, selling it at less than its value, and when asked why they sell at less than what it is worth, and told what can be obtained for such honey, seemed surprised and want to know where they can get such prices, or its value.

He also stated that said parties will not take a bee-paper and keep posted, as that would cost something, and every penny saved is so much clear gain, but they go on losing dollars and tens of dollars, all for the lack of a little extra energy and to save the small sum it would cost to keep posted, yet the same thing happens year after year. The opinion seemed to prevail that those interested should use every influence possible to inform and induce such parties to keep posted.

A. M. GANDER, Secretary.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

PROPOSED CONVENTION IN WELLAND COUNTY.

J. F. DUNN.—It has been suggested that a bee-keepers' convention be formed this winter for Welland County. Parties willing to help to organize will please communicate at once with me.

Ridgeway, Ont.

JAMES TAIT.—I send you herewith my subscription to the JOURNAL. I think it should be in the hands of every bee-keeper, large or small. It is full of just what we want to know and comes in time for us to know every week what is to be done. No beginner can do without it if he wants to get along with his bees. We thought that we could keep bees but the C.B.J. has taken the conceit out of us. I wish it were in the hands of all the "babes in bee-keeping."

Lynedoch, December, 22nd, 1887.

Convention Notices.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Bee-keepers' association will be held on Feb. 8th and 9th, 1888 in Tilbury Centre.

E. J. BURGESS, Sec'y.

The Eastern Townships Bee-Keepers' Association will hold a convention on Monday, Jan. 16th, 1888, in hall over printing office, Cowansville, at 10 a.m. All bee-keepers are requested to be present as there is important business to attend to.

Dunham, P. Q.

R. P. SMALL, Sec.

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