

"seventy-five in good condition twelve of which were packed outside in separate cases, with three inches of sawdust all around. They did not have a fly from Nov. 21 to April 2nd, and during a great part of the winter the thermometer never rose higher than 10 above zero and sometimes fell to 25 below. These came through strong except one colony." Secretary D. Nolan, of the Simcoe B. K. A., writes: "The bees in this locality have wintered well. The loss will not exceed 8 per cent., while the rest are strong and in good condition. They appear to have consumed a small amount of stores. Prospects for the honey crop are good, clover having come through the winter in good shape."

Convention Notice.

Dr. A. B. Mason, Secretary of the National Bee-Keepers Association, sends the following notice:—

Editor Canadian Bee Journal:

Many inquiries have been received by the Executive Committee of the National Bee-keepers' Association regarding the time and place for holding the next convention of the association. The reply has generally been that Buffalo, N. Y., would be the place of meeting; but until this morning, April 17th, the date of meeting has not been settled upon.

On March 2nd the Secretary of the American Pomological Society wrote President Root in part as follows:

"As bee-keepers and fruit-growers have many interests in common which should be considered and discussed for mutual profit, our Executive Committee has instructed me to extend to your Association a cordial

invitation to hold a joint meeting at some time during our session, the exact time to be decided later by correspondence.

At this meeting we would suggest that the subjects of discussion center round the general topic of the mutual relations of bee-keeping and fruit-growing, . . . which can be briefly treated by speakers selected in advance from among our prominent bee-men and fruit-men, . . . in order that a better understanding of these mutual relations may be reached. . . . It has been suggested that a considerable portion of fruit-growers do not yet appreciate the preponderance of the benefit derived. It is felt that a full public discussion of the subject would, therefore, result in good to both industries."

Realizing, as the Executive Committee did, that this was a golden opportunity for presenting the bee-keepers' side of the subject to the representative men of the fruit-growing industry, the invitation of the Pomological Society was at once accepted by the Committee in behalf of the Association.

We have had to delay the fixing of the date for our convention until the Pomological Society had fixed their time of meeting. Our convention will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September next, commencing on Tuesday evening the 10th.

We were at first undecided as to place of meeting, hoping that the G. A. R. would meet at Denver, Col., but when it decided to meet at Cleveland, and we received the invitation of the Pomological Society, we felt that we ought not to miss such a splendid chance to enlighten some of them on the relation of bees to horticulture, and, by meeting at Buffalo, the York state and Canadian bee-keepers would be in easy reach of the place of meeting; so we at once