

article each has selected are stated and compared, and the most meritorious secures the award. To our mind it seems an injustice to the apiarist to have but one judge; the origin of this has probably been the small exhibits made in former years by the knights of the extractor, and the directors did not feel warranted in incurring the expense of three judges, but now that the apiarian displays at our principal fairs have attained such massive dimensions it is but just that at least three competent men award the premiums.

International Notes.

Lest there should be any misunderstanding as to reduced fares on the various railways, we are asked by the Secretary to explain as fully as possible that reduced fares are allowed over the G. T. R. and C. P. R. in the Dominion only. As the C. P. R. does not run into the city of Brantford (that place being reached by the G. T. R. only) it will be necessary for all those who have to go over the two lines, to ask the secretary for two certificates, and to have a certificate filled out for each line over which they travel.

We learn from the secretary that quite a large number of ladies will be present at the convention, more than have ever been known to attend before. Every day brings many applications for railway certificates, as many as 15 being received by the Secretary in one day. In a private letter received to-day (23rd) we are given to understand that from the indications up to the present we will probably have the largest meeting known in the history of the association. If we could have an attendance of 300 at the meeting, all of whom travel over the railway we will be able to get tickets at single fare. The secretary advises us that he has forwarded railway certificates to all secretaries of associations, affiliated with the O. B. K. A., and if there are any who do not decide in time to write the secretary at Romney, they will be able to obtain certificates from the secretary of their local association. Do not however ask the secretary for the certificates if there is time to get them from Mr. Holterman, as the supply held by each is limited.

We shall be glad if this meeting

eclipses in every way the meeting held at Toronto in 1883, when the senior editor of this JOURNAL was president of the International, and we feel safe in saying that the prospects are looking that way.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST SESSION, 1.30 P. M., DEC. 4TH.

Call to order by the president.—Dr. A. B. Mason, Auburndale, Ohio, U. S.

Calling the roll of officers and members.

Reception of new members and collection of annual dues.

Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report.

Report of standing committee.

Question drawer.

SECOND SESSION, 7.30 P. M., DEC. 4TH.

Addresses of welcome and responses.

President's address.

Election of officers.

Selection of time and place for holding of next convention.

Miscellaneous business.

THIRD SESSION, 8.30 A. M., DEC. 5TH.

Bee-keeping an occupation for women.—Miss H. F. Buller, Campbellford, Ont.

Cellar vs. out-door wintering.—R. McKnight, Owen Sound, Ont.

Question drawer.

FOURTH SESSION, 1.30 P. M., DEC. 5TH.

Shipping queens.—F. H. Macpherson, Beeton, Ont.

Disposal of the honey crop, Thos. G. Newman, Chicago, Ill.

Question drawer.

FIFTH SESSION, 1.30 P. M., DEC. 5TH.

Cellar wintering.—S. T. Pettit, Belmont, Ont.

Riding hobby horses, bee-keeping a recreation from other pursuits and an antidote for disease.—E. R. Root, Medina, Ohio.

Question drawer.

SIXTH SESSION, 8.30 A. M., DEC. 6TH.

Warm hives, how best attained.—S. Corneil, Lindsay, Ont.

Question drawer.

SEVENTH SESSION, 7.30 P. M., DEC. 6TH.

Alimentary system or apparatus of the honey bee.—Prof. A. J. Cook, Agricultural Coll, Mich., U. S.

Question drawer.

EIGHTH SESSION, 7.30 P. M., DEC. 6TH.

Question drawer.

Installation of officers.

Adjournment.

Apply to Secretary for railroad certificates to enable you to get round trip tickets on C. P. R.